

WRITTEN QUESTION E-2221/00
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to the Commission

Subject: Ill-treatment

Alleged ill-treatment in all kinds of families is reported in the media with depressing regularity.

Such cases of violence, perhaps particularly those involving physical violence and ill-treatment, demonstrate the need for an immediate response and for means of defence, which are frequently not available to the weakest side in the troubled family.

Has the Commission considered encouraging the provision of immediate means and mechanisms of defence across the EU, for example through the drawing-up of agreements with the government departments responsible for social affairs and justice?