

WRITTEN QUESTION E-1519/09  
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to the Commission

Subject: Domestic violence

According to a document received on 18.02.2009 entitled 'The EU must break its silence on violence against women', one in five European women has been the victim of domestic violence. That document also indicates that domestic violence is a factor which can trigger in those who have suffered it incurable diseases such as cancer.

Although we have legislation in this area, modules taught in schools and family therapy programmes, this has not had the expected result – namely to reduce domestic violence.

Can the Commission therefore indicate:

Whether it intends, alongside existing programmes, to propose and support other programmes and methods through which the incidence of domestic violence can be reduced or even eliminated from the daily lives of a host of European families?