

**Question for written answer E-001537/2012
to the Commission**
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Subject: Combating violence in football stadiums

Violence in football stadiums in Europe is a widespread phenomenon which, although not occurring frequently, must be kept under control. In the current context of the rapid growth of racism on the European continent, a practical approach needs to be taken to behaviour in football stadiums.

This issue was raised in point 2.3 of the Commission's Communication 'Developing the European Dimension in Sport', which refers to 'Racism, ethnic discrimination and exclusion of migrants and minorities in sport: comparative overview of the situation in the European Union (2010)' – report by the European Union Agency for Fundamental Rights. In the report that the European Parliament adopted this month in response to the Commission Communication mentioned above, it stressed the importance of the creation of a list of persons who, taking their past into account, would be banned from entering a football stadium.

In this respect, I wish to put the two following questions to the Commission:

1. does it intend to create such a list at a Europe-wide level and to take the complementary measures for identifying such persons?
2. does it intend to take other concrete measures for combating violence in stadiums, other than improving cooperation between stakeholders?