

**Question for written answer E-007027/2012
to the Commission**
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Subject: Yoga practitioners in Romania

Amnesty International and other human rights organisations have on several occasions focused on abuses allegedly committed against yoga practitioners in Romania. Observers argue that some organisations supporting yoga are discriminated by segments of the Romanian authorities. In this regard, Sweden has granted political asylum to a Romanian yoga activist currently on trial in Romania.

Given that freedom of belief is an important European value to be ensured by all Member States as recognised by Articles 10 and 21 of the Charter of Fundamental Rights of the European Union:

How does the Commission consider the state of religious freedom in Romania and what will it do to ensure the promotion and protection of the right to freedom of religion for yoga practitioners in Romania?