

**Question for written answer E-002953/2013  
to the Commission**

Rule 117

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Subject: European Agency for Fundamental Rights - simple definition

I refer to your reply of 14 February 2013 to my Written Question E-011372/2012.

You have not provided a clear definition for each of the words 'racism' and 'xenophobia', as I had requested.

In the footnote to the answer given, you refer to 'Council Framework Decision 2008/913/JHA of 28 November 2008 on combating certain forms and expressions of racism and xenophobia by means of criminal law'.

I am not asking for your definitions of all the 'forms and manifestations' that 'racism and xenophobia' can cause or take.

I am merely asking that you provide a definition of each term, as used by the Commission and as employed, for example, in the aforementioned Framework Decision. This is regardless of whether certain manifestations constitute offences or whether they are not currently regarded as such.

If it cannot define what it means when it employs these terms, how are members of the public, or my constituents, to comprehend the Commission's views, statements or opinions, be they written or spoken?

Will you please provide your all-embracing definition of each word, as the Commission understands them whenever it employs them?