

**Question for written answer E-003266/2013/rev.1  
to the Commission**  
Rule 117  
**Martin Kastler (PPE)**

Subject: Combating and recording of religious hate crimes in Europe

In March 2013, the European Parliament in Strasbourg adopted, with a large majority, a cross-group 'resolution on strengthening the fight against racism, xenophobia and hate crime' (P7\_TA(2013)0090).

In paragraph 13 of the resolution, Parliament calls on the Member States to ensure 'the collection of broader, reliable data on hate crime' and the recording of this data by the authorities.

1. Does the Commission share Parliament's view that the Member States still have some catching up to do with regard to the recording of detailed and useable data on hate crimes?
2. Are there any plans to optimise the recording of hate crimes at European or national level?
3. Does the Commission have any figures on hate crimes against Christians and Christian institutions in Europe? Are these universally available?
4. Does the Commission have any figures on hate crimes against Jews and Muslims and their institutions in Europe? Are these universally available?