

**Question for written answer E-014295/2013  
to the Commission  
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Subject: Council of Europe report on human rights

Nils Muižnieks, Council of Europe Commissioner for Human Rights, presented a report entitled 'Safeguarding Human Rights under Austerity', in which he states that the austerity measures implemented in response to the economic crisis have inflicted 'collateral damage' on the most vulnerable groups.

The report puts forward recommendations aimed at reintroducing the issue of human rights as part of the policies implemented by governments, the European Union, national organisations, the IMF and World Bank, to name a few.

The Commission is part of the troika which has imposed these damaging policies on Member States with the sole aim of maintaining the survival of its European federal project and of the single currency – the euro – out of ideological conviction.

To what extent does the Commission believe that it is responsible for this situation?