

**Question for written answer E-004021/2014
to the Commission**

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Subject: Violence towards women

Violence towards women remains a particularly acute problem in the EU Member States, undermining their dignity and calling into question their fundamental rights, such as access to justice and gender equality. It also has consequences extending far beyond those immediately involved, that is to say the victim(s) and perpetrator(s), affecting families, communities and society as a whole.

This problem, in all its forms, is an extremely serious issue at EU level, many women being subjected to physical violence, including sexual abuse, in the course of their adult lives.

1. Given the current social and economic crisis, does the Commission consider it necessary to assess the impact of EU measures to combat domestic violence in general and violence towards women in particular at European and Member State level and to examine individual cases?
2. Is the Commission envisaging a new EU strategy to combat violence towards women, for example through the harmonisation of existing laws or the launching of EU public awareness programmes?