

**Question for written answer E-003506/2019**  
**to the Commission**  
Rule 138  
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Subject: Lack of up-to-date data on violence against women

The European Institute for Gender Equality (EIGE) has recently published its biennial Gender Equality Index. The figures on violence against women were not included in the general index figures calculated for the Member States and the European Union. This was due to a lack of statistics on this type of violence. There is too little up-to-date comparative data to make it possible to obtain correct statistics on the subject, but it is important to know exactly how many women are victims of the various forms of gender-based violence. Only then will we be able to act decisively to combat violence against women in the future.

1. Is the Commission aware that there is a lack of up-to-date comparative data which would make it possible to gain an overview of the situation regarding violence against women?
2. What specific measures does the Commission intend to take in order to obtain up-to-date comparative data on violence against women in the future?
3. What other measures will the Commission take to fully establish what the situation is regarding gender-based violence?