

Question for written answer E-002714/2020
to the Commission
Rule 138
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Subject: Terrifying increase in violence against women during the COVID-19 pandemic and countermeasures

The pandemic is leading to a frightening increase in violence against women.

Will the Commission say what measures it will take with a view to:

1. Strengthening national policies to create safe shelters/accommodation for victims of violence and draw up programmes to reintegrate victims into society/the economy and relaxing the criteria of the European Stability and Growth Pact so as to allow Member States to invest in public services that meet women's economic needs and fight unemployment that affects women;
2. Supporting women's organisations that take action against violence against women;
3. Collecting/processing data on the impact of COVID-19 on the basis of gender, as these data are the key to important public policy solutions.