

Question for written answer E-003773/2020
to the Commission
Rule 138
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Subject: Hate crimes against the LGBTQI+ community

According to the Observatory Against Homophobia, the Autonomous Community of Cataluña recorded 160 incidents of hate crime against the LGBTQI+ community in 2019, a 41.6% increase on the year before. The majority of these incidents (63.5%) took place in Barcelona.

These figures are particularly worrying given that Spain is one of the EU Member States where the LGBTQI+ community is most accepted, with the necessary legal tools at its disposal to protect the community's fundamental rights and freedoms. This goes to show that more work and progress is needed in this area.

1. Does the Commission have any figures on this type of hate crime in the 27 EU Member States?
2. Does the Commission deem it necessary to develop any additional support measures for Member States to tackle hate crimes against the LGBTQI+ community?
3. What tools is the Commission developing to ensure that the rights of the LGBTQI+ community are harmonised throughout the EU?