

**Question for written answer E-000390/2021  
to the Commission**

Rule 138

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Subject: Racist activities in the Pyrenees

On 19 January 2021, the French far right movement 'Génération Identitaire' started a racist action called 'Mission Pyrénées', against what they call 'the risk of terrorism and migration' at the Spanish-French border<sup>1</sup>. Their intention is to identify people suspected of being terrorists solely on the basis of their physical appearance, as the organisation acknowledges<sup>2</sup>, which is in breach of Article 2 of Directive 2000/43/EC<sup>3</sup>.

This is not the first time they have carried out such actions. In April 2018 they carried out a similar operation in the Alps<sup>4</sup>. The organisation and some of its members were taken to court because of this, but they were finally acquitted.

We would like to ask the following:

1. Does the Commission regard these actions as in breach of the Schengen *acquis*?
2. Does the Commission consider that Decision 2008/841/JHA on the fight against organised crime should be implemented to dissolve this group?
3. In the context of the EU Anti-racism Action Plan 2020-2025, what measures will the Commission develop to put an end to the rise of racist organisations in the EU, and to implement the Action Plan?

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<sup>1</sup> <https://www.sudouest.fr/2021/01/19/mission-pyrenees-generation-identitaire-traque-les-migrants-a-la-frontiere-franco-espagnole-8304702-10407.php> (<https://www.sudouest.fr/2021/01/19/mission-pyrenees-generation-identitaire-traque-les-migrants-a-la-frontiere-franco-espagnole-8304702-10407.php>)

<sup>2</sup> <https://www.marianne.net/societe/police-et-justice/generation-identitaire-30-militants-traquent-les-afro-maghrebins-a-la-frontiere-franco-espagnole> (<https://www.marianne.net/societe/police-et-justice/generation-identitaire-30-militants-traquent-les-afro-maghrebins-a-la-frontiere-franco-espagnole>)

<sup>3</sup> <https://eur-lex.europa.eu/legal-content/EN/TXT/PDF/?uri=CELEX:32000L0043&from=ES> (<https://eur-lex.europa.eu/legal-content/EN/TXT/PDF/?uri=CELEX:32000L0043&from=ES>)

<sup>4</sup> <https://www.marianne.net/societe/generation-identitaire-bloque-les-migrants-dans-les-hautes-alpes-l-incroyable-mollesse-de> (<https://www.marianne.net/societe/generation-identitaire-bloque-les-migrants-dans-les-hautes-alpes-l-incroyable-mollesse-de>)