

**Question for written answer E-001308/2021
to the Commission**

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Subject: Honour-related violence against women

Women are repeatedly victims of violence. During the COVID-19 pandemic, the situation has worsened further and numbers have increased significantly¹. Figures for honour-related violence are on the rise too. Websites promising help² will not be effective if policymakers fail to establish the framework needed for criminal prosecutions to be brought for honour-related violence. Reliable figures for the scale of such crimes are lacking, however. In its answer to my question E-005214/2020³ the Commission simply states the following: 'Eurostat is currently coordinating an EU survey on gender-based violence and other forms of interpersonal violence. Results are expected in 2023 and data should help us to better target the efforts to tackle the phenomenon of gender-based violence.'

1. To what extent – provided that the political will is there – can the process be speeded up so that the survey results are delivered before 2023?
2. In addition to recording details relating to victims, are efforts being made to record offender characteristics such as cultural and religious background?
3. How is the Commission addressing the link between the increase in honour-related violence against women and immigration from Muslim countries where there is no equality between men and women?

¹ <https://www.welt.de/regionales/berlin/article221060392/Gewalt-an-Frauen-Corona-zeigt-Schwachstellen.html>

² <https://ehre-gewalt.de/>

³ https://www.europarl.europa.eu/doceo/document/E-9-2020-005214-ASW_EN.html