

**Question for written answer E-005384/2021
to the Commission**

Rule 138

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Subject: Definition of the term 'racism'

The EU supports the fight against racism, which is to be welcomed. In order to achieve the objective of combating racism effectively, the term 'racism'¹ needs to be properly defined to ensure that the measures adopted are on the right track and that the objective is achieved.

1. How does the Commission define racism and where does the definition come from?
2. In the Commission's view, can the definition of racism be extended, e.g. with reference to human biological gender?
3. In the Commission's view, can racism be combated in an exaggerated and incorrect way if, for example, the methods used lead to more negative than positive effects for society, e.g. if the combating is used just as a pretext and results in the political opposition being combated, or if overly delicate measures are used to encourage a division in society, irritating and intimidating it with excessively authoritarian measures?

¹ https://de.wikipedia.org/wiki/Rassismus#Gegenstand_und_Definition