

**Question for written answer E-005593/2021
to the Commission**
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Subject: The plague of sexual abuse through images

In recent times, cases of sexual abuse through internet images (known as 'revenge porn' and 'cyber rape') have been increasing and now constitute a real plague.

Revenge pornography is now widely used in committing abuse, violence and harassment against women and girls, with tragic consequences.

Studies have shown that individuals who are victims of this practice experience many psychological difficulties, ranging from very intense anxiety and stress up to and including symptoms of depression and suicidal ideation.

In view of the above:

What measures is the Commission proposing to better coordinate national provisions to combat revenge porn and online violence?

Is there a single harmonised framework for digital platforms and information services providers on the handling of illegal content disseminated by users and the protection of fundamental rights?