

**Question for written answer E-000098/2022
to the Commission**
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Subject: Anti-Christian hatred: the Commission ignores burning churches

‘Europe means peace’.

The dozens of church fires in France, conflagrations in the Cathedrals of Paris and Nantes, the beheading of women in Nice, priests’ throats cut by two Islamists and a Rwandan applicant for refugee status who arrived illegally in 2012 and was not expelled tell a different story.

In December 2015, the Commission established a European coordinator to combat anti-Muslim hatred in Europe and a coordinator to combat anti-Semitism and foster Jewish life. The Commission has not, however, appointed a coordinator to combat anti-Christian hatred.

In France, the police keeps a record of hate crimes against these three religions. In 2020 there were 613 attacks on Christian, 80 on Muslim and 38 on Jewish places of worship. In view of the threats, there were armed police protecting Christmas celebrations in France. Yet neither the Commission nor the EU Agency for Fundamental Rights mentions anti-Christian crimes.

1. Why has the Commission not appointed a European coordinator to combat anti-Christian crimes, even though it has done so for other religions?
2. After the controversy over the abolition of Christmas by Brussels, will the Commission finally include the fight against anti-Christian crimes in its missions and reports?