

**Question for written answer E-000745/2022/rev.1**  
**to the Commission**  
Rule 138  
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Subject: Bullying

Bullying is unfortunately a deeply rooted social phenomenon that is growing steadily worse in the EU, affecting thousands of people, especially the young.

A number of directives have been adopted at EU level to uphold the rights of the child, support and protect victims of crime and combat certain forms and expressions of racism and xenophobia.

However, these measures are clearly insufficient to deal with problems arising on a daily basis in this connection.

The EU should accordingly provide not only funding but also effective support for targeted programmes and effective actions by the Member States to eradicate both online and offline bullying.

In view of this

1. Can the Commission say whether the EU will immediately launch public awareness and prevention initiatives in schools and in society as a whole, together with victim support schemes and programmes designed to call perpetrators to account while making those witnessing such acts aware of their responsibilities?
2. Does it plan to introduce comprehensive updated European legislation concerning bullying in order to provide victim support, call perpetrators to account and make witnesses aware of their responsibilities, thus enabling Member States to combat this social evil more effectively?