

**Question for written answer E-002253/2023
to the Commission**

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Subject: Growing antisemitism in France

The growing antisemitism in France takes many forms: from discriminatory stereotypes and insults to antisemitic vandalism and violence, the desecration of Jewish cemeteries and attacks on synagogues. Official figures show a significant rise in antisemitic incidents in recent years, with an increase of more than 70% between 2020 and 2022.

In recent days, Yonathan Arfi, President of the Representative Council of the French Jewish Institutions (CRIF), was verbally attacked by a public figure. On Saturday, 15 July 2023, antisemitic and neo-Nazi slogans were discovered on a monument in Ploëuc-L'Hermitage in Brittany commemorating the 55 people executed there by the Nazis in 1944.

1. Given that antisemitic speeches by populists on the extreme right and extreme left are on the increase in the EU, does the Commission intend to condemn hate speech by public figures?
2. Does it consider it necessary to speed up and strengthen the implementation of the EU strategy on combating antisemitism?

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