

**Question for written answer P-014031/2013  
to the Commission**  
Rule 117  
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Subject: Combating hate crime and discrimination

For a number of years, a new wave of intolerance has been witnessed in the EU; it is reflected in nationalism, anti-Semitism, anti-Islamism and other forms of ethnically motivated hatred, and in xenophobia and various forms of discrimination in everyday life.

Cases in point which illustrate those phenomena specifically with regard to the problem of anti-Semitism and in particular, in this context, to labour market discrimination, are set out in the recently published study 'Discrimination and hate crime against Jews in EU Member States: experiences and perceptions of antisemitism'<sup>1</sup>.

What specific action has the Commission taken to follow up the European Parliament resolution of 14 March 2013 on strengthening the fight against racism, xenophobia and hate crime<sup>2</sup>?

What is the Commission's assessment of the progress made in implementing the various anti-discrimination instruments at EU level?

Is the Commission planning to draw up a proposal for a comprehensive strategy to combat xenophobic prejudice, discrimination, racism and hate crime?

What specific action is the Commission considering, over the next few months, in the light of the findings of the above-mentioned study by the European Union Agency for Fundamental Rights?

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<sup>1</sup> <http://fra.europa.eu/en/publication/2013/discrimination-and-hate-crime-against-jews-eu-member-states-experiences-and>

<sup>2</sup> <http://www.europarl.europa.eu/sides/getDoc.do?type=TA&reference=P6-TA-2013-0090&language=EN&ring=A6-2013-0122>