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to the Commission**
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Subject: Violence against women

Gender-based violence involves victims and perpetrators of all ages, educational backgrounds, incomes and social positions and is linked to the unequal distribution of power between women and men and to ideas and behaviours based on stereotypes in our society which need to be combated at the earliest stage with a view to changing attitudes.

How is the Commission planning to present an EU-wide strategy and action plan to combat all forms of violence against women?

How is the Commission planning to encourage the Member States to adopt the EU guidelines on violence against women and girls and combating all forms of discrimination against them, as well as the specific chapter on the protection of women against gender-based violence?