

**Question for written answer E-015217/2015
to the Commission**
Rule 130
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Subject: Measures to combat gender-based violence

Spain is among the countries worst affected by the consequences of violence against women, with more than 800 deaths since 2003. More than 40 women have been killed this year alone.

Even though there is little data at European level, it is calculated that around 100 million women have suffered sexual or physical violence since the age of 15, and between 20% and 25% of women have suffered physical mistreatment at some point in their adult lives.

The Commission has frequently highlighted its commitment to combating violence against women, but it has not said what specific measures it will introduce to put an end to this abhorrent situation.

1. What steps will the Commission take to support Member States in adopting measures to prevent and combat gender-based violence?
2. Will the Commission coordinate joint efforts by the Member States to improve the fight against gender-based violence and set up a European observatory on gender-based violence?
3. When will the Commission move towards introducing a directive on combating gender-based violence and defining minimum principles aimed at preventing it?