

**Question for written answer E-002611/2024
to the Commission**
Rule 144
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Subject: Commission's ignorance of hate crimes against Christians

According to the Austrian NGO OIDAC, the number of hate crimes against Christians has increased by 44 % and arson attacks on or in churches by 75 % compared to 2021. For 2022, OIDAC documented 748 anti-Christian hate crimes in 30 different countries, ranging from arson attacks to threats¹. Astonishingly, the Commission makes no mention of this in its communication entitled 'No place for hate: a Europe united against hatred', though it does discuss hate against other religions or sexual minorities².

1. Why is absolutely no mention made of the significant increase in hate crimes against Christians in the Commission's communication entitled 'No place for hate: a Europe united against hatred'?
2. What data analyses and databases on the backgrounds and motives of those who incite hatred against Christians – in any form – does the Commission have?
3. If not currently available, does the Commission intend to collect such data in future?

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¹ <https://www.katholisch.at/aktuelles/146105/zahl-von-osze-dokumentierten-hassverbrechen-deutlich-gestiegen>

² <https://eur-lex.europa.eu/legal-content/EN/TXT/HTML/?uri=CELEX:52023JC0051>