

**Question for written answer E-002802/2024
to the Commission**
Rule 144
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Subject: Measures to combat domestic violence and protect children

Recently, two horrific cases have come to light in Greece. One involved instances of domestic and sexual abuse, with the accused – a police officer – alleged to have systematically abused his wife and minor children. In the other case, the perpetrator – a father of two children – violently killed his wife and hid her body in their home. He confessed to the crime seven days later.

The EU directive on combating violence against women, which proposes measures to prevent such violence and protect victims, is an important step. Nonetheless, as we can see, incidents of violence – which often even lead to the perpetrator taking the victim's life – continue to take place and the protection of victims, who are often minors, is imperative.

In view of the above, can the Commission answer the following:

1. What specific measures does it propose, also in the context of implementing the aforementioned directive, to prevent domestic and sexual violence and, in particular, to protect and support child minors, who are the most vulnerable victims?
2. How does it intend to tackle the problem of unfit parents, protecting child victims of domestic violence, and does it intend to develop relevant guidelines?
3. Will there be funding and support for Member States to set up more accommodation facilities, helplines and child protection services?

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