

**Question for written answer E-002926/2024
to the Commission**
Rule 144
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Subject: The need for a systematic collection of comprehensive and comparable data on gender-based violence in the EU

Violence against women continues to be a serious problem across all EU Member States. However, comparable, reliable data on the extent and forms of gender-based violence against women in the EU remain limited¹. The lack of harmonised recording methods and the different definitions used in the various Member States make it hard to provide an accurate picture of the true extent of the phenomenon, which in turn makes effective prevention and response difficult. It is essential to develop integrated data systems in the EU that make it possible to identify the problem and take targeted measures.

Taking into account: Article 11 of the Istanbul Convention, which obliges states to collect disaggregated relevant statistical data on cases of all forms of violence covered by the scope of the Convention²; Article 44 of the Directive on combating violence against women and domestic violence, which makes it compulsory for comprehensive and comparable disaggregated data to be collected and transmitted to the European Union³; and the fact that the President of the Commission has tasked Commissioner-designate Hadja Lahbib with improving the collection of comparable data in the European Union⁴, can the Commission answer the following:

1. How does it plan to ensure the systematic and effective collection of comparable data by Member States with a view to addressing gender-based violence?
2. Does it intend to adopt specific guidelines or a single framework for the collection of this data, based on the EIGE's recommendations and the provisions of the relevant directive?

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¹ For an overview of national indicators and definitions please visit the EIGE website: <https://eige.europa.eu/gender-based-violence/data-collection>.

² The European Union acceded to the Istanbul Convention on 28 June 2023. For more information see <https://rm.coe.int/168008482e>.

³ Member States are required to develop standardised data in cooperation with the EIGE and to transmit them to the Commission (Eurostat) https://eur-lex.europa.eu/legal-content/EN/TXT/PDF/?uri=OJ:L_202401385.

⁴ For more information, see the mission letter addressed by President von der Leyen to Commissioner-designate Hadja Lahbib https://commission.europa.eu/document/download/faaf33ff-c8c7-49a1-b01d-56681e11a5e6_en?filename=Mission%20letter%20-%20LAHBIB.pdf.