

Question for written answer E-001599/2025
to the Commission
Rule 144
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Subject: Joint efforts to prevent and combat different forms of hatred against traditional national and linguistic minorities

A young man was recently attacked with a knife for using a minority language, Hungarian, in Bratislava, Slovakia¹. A group of young local supporters were beaten for speaking Hungarian in Cluj-Napoca, Romania². Far from being isolated incidents, hate speech is present throughout Europe and it affects different communities from various regions. Hate speech and hate crimes targeting traditional national and linguistic minorities remain a serious concern in the EU. The Intergroup on Traditional Minorities, National Communities and Languages³ has been informed of several such cases⁴.

1. How can the Commission improve its actions to prevent and combat hate speech and hatred targeting, in particular, traditional national and linguistic minorities, and ensure their effective support at EU level?
2. As the Commission already pays particular attention to specific forms of hate speech and hate crime experienced by certain communities, would it consider focusing its attention on traditional national and linguistic minorities, who represent 10 % of the EU population?
3. Would the Commission consider including the effort to combat hate speech and hate crimes against traditional minorities in the work programme of the High-Level Group on combating hate speech and hate crime?

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¹ spectator.sme.sk/politics-and-society/c/man-attacked-by-knife-in-bratislava-supposedly-for-hungarian-origin.

² www.mikoi mre.ro/en/young-man-attacked-by-cluj-ultras-for-speaking-hungarian.

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www.europarl.europa.eu/meps/en/intergroup/details/7895/Intergroup%20on%20Traditional%20Minorities,%20National%20Communities%20and%20Languages.

⁴ For further cases of hate crime and hate speech committed against traditional national and linguistic minorities see: <https://minoritymonitor.eu/>.