

**Question for written answer E-002923/2025
to the Commission**

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Subject: Incitement to hate and violence based on racism and xenophobia in Torre Pacheco (Spain) by far right groups

On 12 and 13 July 2025, serious racist attacks occurred in Torre Pacheco (Murcia, Spain), targeting homes, businesses, and vehicles linked to migrant communities. These events¹ took place in a climate of hate speech, promoted by the political party Vox², and involving far-right groups, who through social media organised a ‘hunt’ targeting migrants³.

In compliance with Article 2 of the Treaty on European Union and Article 21 of the Charter of Fundamental Rights of the European Union, and considering the withdrawal of the proposed horizontal anti-discrimination directive:

1. How will the Commission ensure Member States effectively implement and enforce Council Framework Decision 2008/913/JHA to prosecute public incitement to hatred or violence based on racism or xenophobia?
2. Will the Commission promote horizontal equality legislation to ensure Member States actively combat hate speech, especially when promoted by public officials, including by sanctioning hate speech occurring within EU institutions?
3. What is the current status of negotiations to include hate crimes and hate speech in the list of ‘Euro crimes’ under Article 83.1 of the Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union, and what measures does the Commission plan to take to unblock this process in the Council?

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¹ <https://elpais.com/espana/2025-07-13/el-fuerte-dispositivo-policia-intenta-frenar-los-enfrentamientos-en-torre-pacheco-en-medio-de-una-fuerte-tension.html>.

² https://www.eldiario.es/murcia/sociedad/vox-evita-condenar-persecuciones-migrantes-torre-pacheco-advertimos-espanoles-iban-cansar_1_12458745.html.

³ <https://www.politico.eu/article/spain-police-arrest-9-anti-migrant-violence-far-right-murcia/>.