

Question for written answer E-004031/2025
to the Commission
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Subject: Implementation of Article 14 of the UN Convention against Torture – lack of redress mechanisms in some Member States

Article 14 UNCAT requires states to ensure full compensation and rehabilitation for victims of torture, including access to medical, psychological and vocational support for reintegration. According to the conclusions of the UN Committee against Torture, legislative and institutional gaps persist in several EU Member States (including Romania, Greece, Latvia, Lithuania, Estonia and Czechia): prevention mechanisms exist, but there are no functional redress and rehabilitation programmes.

With reference to the Charter of Fundamental Rights of the EU (Articles 1, 4, 47) and Directive 2012/29/EU on victims' rights, I would like to know:

1. How does the Commission assess Member States' compliance with the full compensation and rehabilitation obligations laid down in Article 14 UNCAT and in the EU Charter?
2. Does the Commission plan to include this matter in a thematic assessment on the rule of law/fundamental rights, in cooperation with the UN and the Council of Europe?
3. What technical support (guidelines, best practices), institutional dialogue and intergovernmental cooperation can the Commission arrange to develop national redress and rehabilitation mechanisms (including funding, specialised centres, regular provision of services) in line with international standards?

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