

(English version)

**Question for written answer E-003687/25
to the Commission
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Subject: Worrying developments in the European Union in respect of the ongoing State of the Union debate

The most recent State of the Union debate, on 10 September 2025, made it clear that the European Union is mired in a deep crisis. Instead of solutions to the real problems faced by citizens, new programmes costing billions, additional debt, further centralisation of power in Brussels and ideologically motivated measures such as the Green Deal are being put forward.

1. How can the Commission justify the fact that its migration policy is promoting terrorism, gang delinquency and a massive increase in anti-Semitism in Europe, and what is it doing to counter these developments?

2. How is the Commission taking responsibility for the fact that its policies — from COVID-19 to the Green Deal sanctions packages — have brought Europe to the brink of economic, social and cultural collapse and plunged millions of people into poverty, unemployment and hopelessness?

3. Why does the Commission talk about freedom and democracy while preparing measures that will effectively transform Europe into a surveillance state along the lines of China?

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**Answer given by President von der Leyen on behalf of the European Commission
(8 December 2025)**

1. The EU's migration policies aim to ensure effective and sustainable management of migration and to bolster the protection of its external borders. The Pact on Migration and Asylum aims to prevent abuse, tackle illegal migration and alleviate pressure on national systems. The Commission is also planning to propose to enhance Frontex and Europol to address border security and organised crime. The Commission will also present the EU Strategy on Combating Antisemitism and Fostering Jewish Life ⁽¹⁾ to protect communities and uphold shared values from prejudice. As announced in ProtectEU — a European Internal Security Strategy ⁽²⁾, the Commission works on a new EU Agenda to prevent and counter terrorism and violent extremism.

2. NextGenerationEU has been key for Europe's economic recovery after the COVID-19 crisis, enabling investments and reforms for fair growth and modernisation of infrastructure. The Commission takes action to foster innovation, strengthen competitiveness, support EU societies, sustain EU's social model and quality of life. This includes initiatives, such as the roadmap set out under the Competitiveness Compass, the Affordable Housing Plan, or the Anti-Poverty Strategy.

3. The Commission focuses on safeguarding a strong democracy and upholding EU values, amid increasing attacks and attempts of anti-democratic forces. The European Democracy Shield counters foreign information manipulation and interference, enhances media literacy, while applying the Media Freedom, Digital Services and Artificial Intelligence Acts ⁽³⁾ fosters secure and informed societies. Actions to strengthen the rule of law ensure societies and economies work, safeguard EU fundamental rights, protect democracy and tackle corruption.

1 COM/2021/615 final.

2 <https://eur-lex.europa.eu/legal-content/EN/TXT/PDF/?uri=CELEX:52025DC0148>.

3 <https://eur-lex.europa.eu/eli/reg/2024/1083/oj/eng>, <https://eur-lex.europa.eu/eli/reg/2022/2065/oj/eng>, <https://eur-lex.europa.eu/eli/reg/2024/1689/oj/eng>.