

(English version)

**Question for written answer E-002224/26
to the Commission
Afroditi Latinopoulou (PfE)
(2 June 2026)**

Subject: Double standards in protecting religious beliefs and tackling anti-Christian hatred in the EU

The European Union has developed an extensive framework to address discrimination and hate speech targeting specific social and religious groups. What is more, specific mechanisms and coordinators have been put in place to combat phenomena such as antisemitism and anti-Muslim rhetoric.

At the same time, however, public desecration and blasphemy against Jesus Christ, Holy Mary and Christian symbols — often dismissed as ‘artistic expression’ or ‘satire’ — have been observed in many Member States. Meanwhile, citizens who publicly express their opposition to such attacks are often subject to online harassment and public vilification.

Given that there is no corresponding European mechanism to tackle anti-Christian hatred, can the Commission say:

1. Does it consider there to be double standards in the practical protection of different religious communities in the EU?
2. Has it assessed the increase in cases of public vilification and the desecration of Christian symbols in Europe?
3. Does it intend to consider setting up a specific mechanism or coordinator to monitor and tackle anti-Christian hatred in the EU?

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**Answer given by Mr Brunner on behalf of the European Commission
(23 July 2026)**

The Commission refers the Honourable Member to the reply to parliamentary Question E-000584/2025 ⁽¹⁾. As explained in this reply, the Commission considers that there is no place for hate speech and crime based on religion in the EU and has put in place a number of measures to address attacks against places of worship, including Christian sites.

In particular, under the 2024 PROTECT call for proposals, the Commission has approved funding to ensure the protection of places of worship, schools, and community gatherings ⁽²⁾.

⁽¹⁾ https://www.europarl.europa.eu/doceo/document/E-10-2025-000584-ASW_EN.html.

⁽²⁾ <https://ec.europa.eu/info/funding-tenders/opportunities/portal/screen/opportunities/topic-details/ISF-2024-TF2-AG-PROTECT-protection-public-spaces?order=DESC&pageNumber=1&pageSize=50&sortBy=startDate&keywords=ISF-2024-TF2-AG-PROTECT&isExactMatch=true&status=31094501,31094502,31094503>.