



## European Commission - Statement

### **Joint-statement by First Vice-President Timmermans and Commissioner Jourová on the recent Antisemitic attacks and demonstrations**

Brussels, 11 December 2017

*"We are shocked and outraged by the wave of Antisemitic attacks and demonstrations that are spreading hatred against Jews in European cities over the last days. There can be no justification and we stand in full solidarity with the European Jewish communities in condemning these vile attacks in the strongest possible way.*

*We expect the perpetrators of Antisemitic incitement to be prosecuted. European Jews must be able to live their lives in freedom and peace in Europe. This means rapid response to Antisemitic actions, but it also means educating our young. There is no place for Antisemitism in Europe, and in the joint battle against Antisemitism we should all work together to rid us from this ideology of hatred."*

#### **Background**

The European institutions have stepped up their efforts to combat Antisemitism and other forms of racism and xenophobia. In 2015, the European Commission appointed a Coordinator on combating Antisemitism as contact point for Jewish organisations and communities. To address illegal hate speech online, including Antisemitic hate speech, the Commission agreed on a [Code of Conduct](#) with major companies. The newly established EU High Level Group on combating racism, xenophobia and other forms of intolerance brings together EU and national efforts in ensuring effective implementation of rules and in setting up effective policies to prevent and combat hate crime and hate speech. This is done by fostering thematic discussions on gaps, challenges and responses, promoting best practice exchange, developing guidance and strengthening cooperation and synergies between key stakeholders. The European Parliament adopted this June its first-ever [resolution](#) on combating Antisemitism. For better understanding of the concerns within the Jewish community, the EU Fundamental Rights Agency will conduct its 2nd survey on the perception of Antisemitism among Jews in 13 Member States in 2018.

#### **For more information**

[European Commission action](#) on Combating Antisemitism

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