

**Question for written answer E-015337/2015  
to the Commission**  
Rule 130  
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Subject: Market surveillance in Europe

On 28 October 2015, the Commission unveiled its strategy for improving the functioning of the single market. The planned measures include 'a comprehensive set of actions to further enhance efforts to keep non-compliant products from the EU market'.

Today, many businesses are complaining that market surveillance, which is carried out by 28 different agencies, is inadequate and does in fact play into the hands of their non-European competitors. If the single market is to function properly, both a legal framework and sufficient resources to monitor products placed on the market more effectively are essential.

1. Would it not make sense either to strengthen the Commission's powers in the area of market surveillance or to set up a European market surveillance agency, and in so doing to offer the Member States a new approach, based on synergy and the pooling of competences, and provide them with the resources needed to carry out tests which are often complex and which call for levels of funding which are sometimes incompatible with the budgetary constraints facing them?
2. Has the Commission studied in detail possible solutions to this problem?