

**Question for written answer E-015231/2015
to the Commission**

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Subject: U-Multirank - European university rankings

The introduction of U-Multirank, the first multidimensional instrument for the world ranking of higher education establishments, was also the first attempt at EU involvement in this area.

U-Multirank complements already existing international rankings of not only universities but also all types of research-oriented higher education establishments, providing information regarding the quality of research as well as teaching and learning standards, international orientation, regional integration and the transfer of knowledge.

In view of this:

1. What is the Commission's assessment of the contribution of U-Multirank to date and its relevance to European universities and individual fields of study?
2. Does it have any information regarding the extent to which this ranking system is proving useful to the general public and in particular prospective students?