

**Question for written answer E-015335/2015**  
**to the Commission**  
Rule 130  
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Subject: Revision of Schengen and the free movement of people

Dutch officials have recently made various statements about the possibility of reforming the Schengen area. On Friday 27 November these statements became more concrete with the proposal put forward by Jeroen Dijsselbloem, the Finance Minister of the Netherlands and current President of the Eurogroup, to form a 'mini-Schengen area' for the free movement of individuals that would be made up of five or six countries. The principle of free movement is at the core of the European project and is now a key pillar of the internal market, and such a reform would dramatically damage it.

1. Can the Commission confirm that a Treaty change would be required to allow Member States to apply these proposals?
2. Which Treaty articles would need to be changed, and would this not carry the risk of a chain reaction affecting all four freedoms?
3. Does the Commission not fear that such a change could create an obstacle to the completion of our single market?