

Question for written answer E-015912/2015
to the Commission (Vice-President / High Representative)
Rule 130
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Subject: VP/HR - Europe's weakness and enforcement of compliance with requirements

The programme for the 2009 European elections of the Fidesz party, headed by Viktor Orbán, read, in part: 'One of the current weaknesses of the European Union is that it has difficulty in asserting the values and principles which it has itself adopted (...) The reason for this is rather to be sought in the fact that the Union Institutions are afraid to intervene in the internal affairs of any government. Fidesz believes that the assertion of our common values and principles cannot be regarded as optional. The European Union should therefore be equipped with instruments by means of which to constantly induce its members to represent its values and abide by its fundamental principles, without which a strong Europe cannot exist (...) It is contradictory for us to expect the Union to encourage the governments of the Member States to comply with rules while we are reluctant to give it the necessary powers, which may possibly encroach on our sovereignty.'

- How would it be possible to keep Fidesz's election pledge and strengthen Europe?
- Does the Vice-President of the Commission consider Fidesz's point of view to be acceptable that Member States' governments should be compelled to obey rules even at the price of their sovereignty?