

**Question for written answer E-014553/2015**  
**to the Commission**  
Rule 130  
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Subject: European legislation on drones

Europe has over 170 manufacturers and 2,500 operators of drones for civil use, which makes it the world leader in this market. However, the development of this potentially very valuable sector is threatened by the lack of common European legislation. Frequent overflights of sensitive sites by drones and the hazard that these may present to commercial aircraft mean that strict safety rules urgently need to be adopted. Against this background, taking account of the scale of the economic growth of the sector and the legitimate protection of European citizens, the Commission is invited to respond to the following questions:

1. What is the Commission's position on the use of drones?
2. Is it in favour of harmonising legislation on the subject and on what basis?
3. Is it in a position to announce a timescale for implementing common legislation?