

**Question for written answer E-015803/2015**  
**to the Council**  
Rule 130  
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Subject: Designating 2018 as the European Year of Cultural Heritage and Tourism - follow-up

In the Council's reply to my question E-011548/2015 about designating 2018 as the European Year of Tourism<sup>1</sup> it was stated that 'European years usually receive financial support from the EU budget, and therefore require a legislative act for which the Commission has the sole right of initiative. The Council is therefore awaiting the Commission's proposal which it will examine with due attention'.

In the Commission's reply to the same question (E-005533/2015)<sup>2</sup>, it stated that 'such an initiative requires support and approval both from the European Parliament and from the Member States'.

The Parliament has given its support to this initiative by voting in favour of the report of 22 September 2015 on new challenges and concepts for the promotion of tourism in Europe, which calls on the Commission to consider such an initiative.

With the Parliament supporting the designation of such a year, and the Commission seeking support from the Council, will the Council give its consent to a European Year of Cultural Heritage and Tourism?

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<sup>1</sup> <http://www.europarl.europa.eu/sides/getAllAnswers.do?reference=E-2015-011548&language=EN>

<sup>2</sup> <http://www.europarl.europa.eu/sides/getAllAnswers.do?reference=E-2015-005533&language=EN>