

**Question for written answer E-015950/2015
to the Commission**
Rule 130
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Subject: Joining the Council of Europe anti-corruption body (GRECO)

On 6 June 2011 the Commission approved an anti-corruption package with the aim of ending the practice. It contains a proposal to step up cooperation between the EU and the Group of States against corruption of the Council of Europe (GRECO). According to the Commission's communication, a two-phase approach will be adopted, consisting of: first, attaining full participant status and, second, gaining full membership. At the time of writing, however, this has still not taken place.

Given that becoming a full member of this body could make it easier to identify and resolve these kinds of situations vis-à-vis the EU's authority over the Member States, and even between the different institutions, has the Commission established a work programme to help make joining the body a reality in the short term?