

Question for written answer E-015971/2015
to the Commission
Rule 130
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Subject: European statute of association

In March 2011, the Parliament called on the Commission to take the necessary steps to introduce proposals for a European statute for associations, mutual societies and foundations. A Proposal for a Council Regulation on the Statute for a European Foundation (EF) was presented in 2012, but that very proposal was withdrawn at the end of 2014.

European associations would certainly be a particularly effective way of strengthening European civil society, by shaping transnational cohesion and reinforcing European identity in the process as well.

In light of the above, can the Commission please answer the following questions:

Is it planning to develop a proposal in the near future relating to a law on associations?

If not, can it please explain why?