

**Question for written answer E-007543/2014  
to the Commission**  
Rule 130  
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Subject: The Toro de la Vega tournament

Following confrontations between supporters and opponents of the Toro de la Vega tournament (a contest of medieval origin held in the town of Tordesillas, in which lancers on foot and horseback compete against a bull), Commission spokesman Frédéric Vincent made a statement in which he recalled that the EU has no particular powers where a cultural habit in a part of the Union is concerned and stressed that the EU considers this activity to be a matter of cultural heritage.

Does the Commission share the opinion of its spokesman that spearing the bull is a cultural habit?

Leaving aside whether or not this is an area of European competence, does the Commission share the views of its spokesperson?