

**Question for written answer E-007629/2014  
to the Commission**  
Rule 130  
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Subject: REFIT

The REFIT programme, launched by the Commission in October 2013 with the stated aim of simplifying EU legislation, is seriously jeopardising the health and safety rights of workers. The initiative was opposed by Belgian Prime Minister Elio Di Rupo at the European Council meeting on 24 and 25 October 2013.

There is good reason to ask about the possible consequences of a number of REFIT measures in the light of Article 35 of the EU Charter of Fundamental Rights, which states that 'a high level of human health protection shall be ensured in the definition and implementation of all Union policies and activities'.

Can the Commission explain how it intends to ensure that the two are mutually compatible?