

**Question for written answer E-008027/2014
to the Commission**
Rule 130
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Subject: EU enlargement

At its meeting of 8 October 2014, the Commission adopted a communication on the EU enlargement strategy and reviewed the progress made by Turkey over the past 12 months.

The Turkish Minister for European Affairs, Volkan Bozkir, indicated in a recent statement that Turkey is still seeking accession to the EU.

Mr Bozkir said that although the progress report on Turkey's route to EU membership would be used constructively in pursuit of closer integration with the Union, it would not be regarded as laying down general policy guidelines that Turkey must follow.

In many European Member States, however, most people are opposed to Turkey joining the EU.

1. In view of the above and in light of the commitments that have been made, when does the Commission expect to be in a position to set a formal time frame for Turkey's accession?
2. Will the citizens of Europe's nations be asked for their views on an enlargement that would take in a country that is geographically and culturally non-European?