

**Question for written answer E-008909/2014  
to the Commission**  
Rule 130  
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Subject: Legislation in accordance with the subsidiarity principle

The Commission President, Jean-Claude Juncker, has appointed Frans Timmermans as first Vice-President and Commissioner for Better Regulation, Interinstitutional Relations, the Rule of Law and the Charter of Fundamental Rights. In his 'mission letter' to Mr Timmermans, Mr Juncker stated, among other things, that he would like Mr Timmermans to focus on ensuring the compliance of EU proposals with the principles of subsidiarity and proportionality.

In light of the above, would the Commission please assess whether the following current or upcoming proposals for EU legislation are in compliance with the principle of subsidiarity:

1. automatic eCall technology in all new cars sold in the EU;
2. quotas for women on the boards of private businesses; and
3. regulation of paternity leave?

If the Commission finds that the proposals are in compliance with the principle of subsidiarity, would it please explain why it is of that opinion?