

**Question for written answer E-009871/2014
to the Commission**

Rule 130

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Subject: Monitoring of ECOC 2018

Decision No 1622/2006/EC establishes a Community action for the European Capital of Culture (ECOC) event, and defines the process for selecting cities to hold the title between 2013 and 2019 and the system for monitoring the preparations up to the year of the event. Prior to mid-term monitoring, experts appointed by the EU institutions help the chosen capitals to implement their programmes, in particular by guaranteeing their European added value.

Taking into account that the Maltese Government has a commitment towards ECOC Valletta in 2018 and taking into account comments by the Mayor of Valletta concerning a lack of attention to such obligations:

1. Will the Commission be sending an assessment report to the Valletta authorities expressing concerns regarding preparations for the event?
2. Will this assessment report, if issued, be regarded as a purely internal document, or will it be a public document available to everyone?
3. Is the Commission receiving regular updates which would enable it to deal with any issues that may arise in good time, so as not to jeopardise the ECOC in 2018, by means of appropriate procedures and measures which may be recommended?