

**Question for written answer E-009873/2014
to the Commission**

Rule 130

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Subject: Representation in the ETUCE

By virtue of Articles 154 and 155 TFEU, the European Trade Union Committee for Education (ETUCE) allows for social partners to create their own sectorial social dialogue at EU level and currently represents 24 employers' organisations from 16 EU/EFTA countries: Belgium, Bulgaria, Cyprus, Denmark, Finland, Hungary, Ireland, Italy, Latvia, Malta, the Netherlands, Norway, Portugal, Slovakia, Sweden and the United Kingdom, thus representing 115 organisations and 5.5 million individuals from these countries.

Although this is the current situation, it seems that a decision has been taken indicating that the number of Member State participants in this important committee would be restricted to 8.

1. Is the Commission aware of this decision?
2. If so, does the Commission concur with it?
3. In the eventuality that the decision referred to is implemented, and considering that this might lead to a lack of geographical representation which could be prejudicial to the citizens of small Member States, does the Commission intend to take any action to ensure that geographical representation is retained?