

**Question for written answer E-010979/2014  
to the Commission**  
Rule 130  
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Subject: 2014 Global Slavery Index: the European Union and the world

According to the annual report by Walk Free on modern slavery, the mechanisms put in place by the European Union and the Council of Europe enable European governments to respond effectively to modern slavery. Europe (by which we mean the EU, Serbia, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Montenegro, Turkey, Kosovo, Switzerland and Iceland) performs well in the fight against modern slavery according to the Walk Free survey, given the high ranking of its ratings for peace, anti-corruption policy, democracy, human rights and access to social services.

It therefore appears that the EU is in a good position to educate other parts of the world, through its foreign policy, on the fight against modern slavery.

1. How does the Commission intend to use its influence in the global fight against slavery?
2. Has modern slavery been duly taken into account in the development of relations between the EU and countries such as Mauritania, which has the highest rate of modern slavery?