

**Question for written answer E-011041/2014
to the Commission**
Rule 130
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Subject: Lack of gender equality in the Commission's work programme

Given that the Commission's work programme only explicitly mentions gender equality once, and this in relation to the EU's external action, and states that it is committed to promoting equality between men and women but does not present any proposals on how this will be achieved, I would like to ask the following:

1. How will the Commission ensure that the other 27 commissioners will work on gender mainstreaming in their fields?
2. What strategies and action plans is the Commission going to introduce/propose to live up to its commitment made regarding equality?
3. Given that both the Directive on Women on Boards and the maternity leave proposal might be withdrawn given their blockage in the Council, what legislative proposals will the Commission bring forward to underline and ensure that the EU will work to guarantee equality between women and men and equality in all areas of society?