

**Question for written answer E-001148/2015
to the Commission**
Rule 130
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Subject: Overcrowding in European prisons

Overcrowding in Europe is a real problem. In fact, most Member States do not comply with EU minimum standards as set out by the European Prison Rules established by the Council of Europe.

At present, each country establishes the capacity of its prisons as it sees fit.

1. Will the Commission take measures to combat this state of affairs?
2. Furthermore, in many EU countries, few measures are taken to promote the real integration of prisoners into society after their sentence. Should the Commission not launch a debate on this subject?