

**Question for written answer E-002395/2015
to the Commission**
Rule 130
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Subject: EUROPA internet linking policy

As described in the linking policy published on the European Union's official website¹, linking to the EUROPA web portal – operated by the Commission's Communication Department on behalf of all EU institutions – is subject to a series of conditions. The second of these prohibits links to EUROPA pages that do not display the EUROPA Legal Notice. Also, anyone linking to a EUROPA page is required to notify the EUROPA webmaster, by submitting the URL of the page on which the link appears, so that compliance with the conditions given can be verified. Given that the EUROPA linking policy does not cite any legal basis for these requirements, the Commission is asked to answer the following:

1. What has happened with each notification regarding web links to EUROPA pages received by the Commission since the linking policy was made public, or prior to October 2001?
2. What was the result of each action taken by the Commission in response to links to pages that did not display the EUROPA Legal Notice since the rule prohibiting such links was first made public? It is worth mentioning that <http://europa.eu> does not display a EUROPA Legal Notice.
3. On what legal basis does the Commission impose linking conditions on third parties?

¹ http://europa.eu/abouteuropa/linking_policy/index_en.htm.