

**Question for written answer E-002501/2015  
to the Commission**

Rule 130

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Subject: A common EU identity / citizen's card

There are at present a number of different national identity cards in the EU Member States to enable Europeans to prove their identity in their own country or another EU state.

If a common EU identity card or citizen's card were introduced, containing the individual's personal details, photo, DNA information, iris profile etc., the EU would have a uniform card making it easier to prevent fraud and permit rapid identification.

Does the Commission have any plans to propose the introduction of a common EU identity or citizen's card, and if so what information does it intend the card should contain?

Is there anything in EU law to prevent the Member States themselves from deciding to introduce such a card?