

**Question for written answer E-004714/2015  
to the Commission**  
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Subject: Further question - Implementation of EU Strategy for the Adriatic-Ionian region (2)

In response to HR E-000629/2015 on behalf of the Commission (19 March 2015) it was stated that, in connection with multi-level governance and EUSAIR, eight foreign ministers endorsed on 18 November 2014 draft governance and management structures within the framework of the strategy. According to that draft, sub-national (regional) representatives may, if necessary, participate in thematic Steering Groups set up under each pillar in accordance with the institutional structure of each country. In addition, as stakeholders with a direct interest in EUSAIR, regional and local authorities will be able to further strengthen mutual ties thanks to the stakeholder platform currently being developed within the framework of EUSAIR.

It follows from there that the possibility of involvement of regional and local government representatives will depend on the institutional structure of each country, which means that participation of political and technical levels of regional and local authorities is not unconditionally guaranteed either in governance and management structures or in thematic Steering Groups. Since the model in question is one of multilevel governance, this is an omission which should be rectified.

I ask the Commission what measures it will prepare and implement to ensure unconditional inclusion of representatives of regional and local authorities in the governance structure given that this is a multilevel governance model that involves stakeholders from local to European level?