

**Question for written answer E-005032/2015
to the Commission**
Rule 130
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Subject: Removing procedural and bureaucratic obstacles - Energy Union

We welcome the commitment of the European Union stated in reply E-001835/2015 concerning the Intelligent Energy initiative which raises citizens' awareness, increases citizens' participation in projects relating to energy derived from renewable sources and encourages social acceptance.

However, most often the problem is not the citizens' level of awareness. We can see in the example of Croatia that citizens are to a large extent informed about the issue, but what inhibits the implementation are conditions that are often difficult to meet, extremely complicated procedures and unfavourable funding terms.

What measures has the Commission foreseen for the Member States in order to free their citizens from all the unnecessary bureaucratic and procedural problems and facilitate as much as possible the implementation and financing of energy projects, which are of great importance for the creation of a sustainable Energy Union?