

**Question for written answer E-005320/2015  
to the Commission**

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Subject: Achieving greater recognition for the role of business owners in society

The Small Business Act for Europe, adopted in 2008, put in place a framework for strengthening Europe's small and medium-sized enterprises and encouraging the implementation of policies enabling them to grow and develop.

In addition to other objectives, the above Act was aimed at driving long-term changes in attitude by creating greater awareness of the role of business owners in society and by encouraging and inspiring the entrepreneurs of the future.

Does the Commission believe that this objective has been met and that there is now greater general awareness in the EU of the activities undertaken by business owners and their contribution to the growth of European society?

What measures is the Commission developing to assist this contribution so that the efforts of businesses are better appreciated and recognised in the EU?