

**Question for written answer E-005769/2015**  
**to the Commission**  
Rule 130  
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Subject: Abolishing clock changes

In the wake of the 1973 oil crisis, a number of European countries introduced daylight-saving time; the rest gradually followed suit. Now many countries are calling for it to be done away with. Putting the clocks forward is not a particularly effective energy-saving measure, and a number of studies have shown that this change can in fact cause problems for some people: the prevalence of sleeplessness, stress, and heart attacks increases by 50%, suicide rates rise by 66%, and significantly more accidents occur.

1. Can the Commission confirm that clock changes make economic sense?
2. What is the Commission's position on abolishing clock changes?
3. Are there any plans to standardise clock changes throughout the EU?