

**Question for written answer E-006118/2015
to the Commission**
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Subject: Encouragement and incentives proposed for the merger of local government units

In consultations about implementing the National Reform Programme in Croatia, which also includes a reform of public administration to make it more efficient, representatives of the European Commission suggested to the Croatian Government representatives a reduction in the number of municipalities and cities and the use of financial incentives to encourage voluntary mergers.

What kind of mechanism is the European Commission suggesting for incentives and the encouragement of local authorities with respect to a voluntary merger of municipalities and towns in Croatia?