

**Question for written answer E-006122/2015
to the Commission**
Rule 130
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Subject: Criteria for the number of cities and municipalities in EU Member States?

In view of media reports that European Commission representatives have advised in their consultations with the Croatian Government a reduction in the number of municipalities and cities in Croatia as part of the implementation of the National Reform Programme, which includes public administration reform, I am putting the following question to the European Commission:

Why does the Commission consider that Croatia has too many cities and municipalities, i.e. what criteria does it apply in considering the number of local government units in Member States?