

**Question for written answer E-006126/2015
to the Commission**
Rule 130
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Subject: Reduction in the number of cities and municipalities - sustainability with regard to the relationship between revenue and expenditure

According to data from 2013, Croatia has about 4 253 000 inhabitants and is territorially organised into 429 municipalities and 127 cities. In its last report from 2014, the Commission suggested that Croatia should reduce the number of municipalities and cities because it is estimated that there are too many of them and that they are inefficient in terms of cost.

1. What ratio of revenue and expenditure does the Commission regard as acceptable for cities and municipalities, i.e. sustainable for the functioning of local government units?
2. When considering issues related to the reform of public administration, does the Commission take into account the distribution of tax revenues among different levels of government, which affects tax revenues of local government units?