

**Question for written answer E-008029/2015  
to the Commission**  
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Subject: European identity

Since the beginning of the economic crisis, we have seen increasing divides within the European Union, particularly between northern and southern Europe. The Greeks, for example, have often been described as lazy in the north European press.

This multiplication of stereotypes is damaging European unity and restricting the growth of Europe. Indeed, issues of national identity have always played a crucial role in European construction.

1. Is the Commission going to adopt a plan to combat stereotypes and euroscepticism?
2. Would a major information campaign on our shared values help to strengthen European identity?