

**Question for written answer E-008168/2015  
to the Commission**  
Rule 130  
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Subject: Walloon and protecting Europe's endangered languages

On 11 September 2013, Parliament adopted a resolution on endangered European languages and linguistic diversity in the European Union. The resolution aimed to safeguard the EU's linguistic diversity. In it, in particular, Parliament called on the Commission to propose concrete measures for the protection of endangered languages.

In Belgium, Walloon is considered endangered by UNESCO. The number of speakers is indeed in continuous decline: totalling 1.2 million in 1998, there are no more than 600 000 in 2015.

What measures has the Commission proposed to protect Walloon and other endangered languages?