

**Question for written answer E-008491/2015
to the Commission**
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Subject: The reaction of NGOs to the new REFIT programme

On 19 May 2015, the Commission presented measures to improve the quality of the legislative process, as well as the new REFIT programme to reduce administrative costs.

For each legislative project, impact analyses will now be done throughout the legislative process. According to the Commission, the programme will examine the main sources of inefficiency and unnecessary costs, and will focus on quantifying as far as possible the costs and benefits of the actions.

However, some fifty NGOs feel that in reality this new programme is a threat to the protection of the environment and the health and safety of European citizens.

Has the Commission taken account of the arguments of this collective of civil society and what is its response to the criticisms raised?