

**Question for written answer E-008751/2015  
to the Commission**  
Rule 130  
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Subject: Adoption in the EU

Protection of children and their rights is one of the fundamental values of the EU. The welfare of abandoned children remains caught between efforts to help as many children as possible and the respect for good practice, the rights of the child and the legal framework of states and the EU with the result that adoption is a long, expensive and arduous process for everyone involved.

In Croatia, for example, every year an average of nearly 3 000 children stay in homes for abandoned children and with host families and only about 100 are adopted. The main reason for this is the long time taken and the complicated way of resolving the legal status of the child.

Does the Commission consider that the EU could take a more active role in the area of adoption policy, first of all by introducing some regulations to simplify the procedure of resolving the legal status of the child?

Does the Commission think that we should establish a competent authority and an interstate register of children and adoptive parents at EU level in order to both regulate adoption with the aim of preventing the trafficking or sale of children from less developed Member States and also to simplify adoption and speed it up?