

**Question for written answer E-009584/2015  
to the Commission (Vice-President / High Representative)**  
Rule 130  
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Subject: VP/HR - European Neighbourhood Policy and civil society

On 28 May 2015, Federica Mogherini, the Vice-President of the Commission and High Representative of the Union for Foreign Affairs and Security Policy (VP/HR), stated her intention to overhaul the European Neighbourhood Policy. She said that a new approach was needed in order to create a genuine partnership between the European Union and its neighbouring countries which provides collective responses to shared challenges.

She stated that we should focus our attention on young people, through education and job creation, because a strong civil society acts as a bulwark against extremism.

1. How does the VP/HR intend to overhaul the European Neighbourhood Policy?
2. What action will she take with regard to education, employment and young people?
3. Alongside this bottom-up approach focusing on civil society, will the EU try to improve the protection of fundamental rights in neighbouring countries by employing a top-down approach focusing on the governments of the countries involved?