Question for written answer E-011530/2015 to the Commission Rule 130 Ivan Jakovčić (ALDE)

Subject: Awareness of the EU Charter of Fundamental Rights

According to Flash Eurobarometer 416, knowledge of the EU Charter of Fundamental Rights currently remains quite low. In particular, precise knowledge of when the Charter does and does not apply is still low. The greatest confusion surrounds whether the Charter applies to all actions by Member States, including matters of national competence. It is noteworthy that respondents would like to receive more information about the Charter and about their rights as European citizens, and that general interest in information about the Charter remains high. At least six out of ten respondents would like more information about the content of the Charter, where to turn if their rights are violated, and when the Charter applies and when it does not.

Does the Commission intend to launch awareness-raising campaigns in order to improve EU citizens' knowledge of the Charter?

What can the Commission do to increase the level of interest in the Charter, especially in those countries where it has declined?

How could the Commission adopt an effective communication strategy aimed at familiarising EU citizens with the Charter?

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