

**Question for written answer E-011603/2015
to the Commission**
Rule 130
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Subject: The notion of 'group interest' and the survival of subsidiaries

In order to reconcile the economic imperatives facing large transnational economic groups, and with a view to making these groups easier to manage, the notion of 'group interest' concerns a parent company's ability to make decisions – or impose decisions on its subsidiaries – that are part of the group's global policy and might over-ride the specific interests of individual subsidiaries.

In 2012, the Commission stated its intention of recognising the notion of 'group interest', announcing that it would be proposing an initiative in this respect in 2014 (Consultation on the future of European Company Law, European Commission, 2012).

Under the regulations establishing the notion of 'group interest', how is the Commission going to reconcile this notion with the need to protect small subsidiaries, which are often located in disadvantaged areas, and the jobs they provide?