

**Question for written answer E-011604/2015
to the Commission**
Rule 130
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Subject: The notion of 'group interest'

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).

The intention is to adapt legal constraints to economic challenges, as it is important to ensure that decision-making processes in cross-border groups are flexible and reliable, especially when there is a conflict between a subsidiary's individual interests and the general interest of the group that wholly or partly owns that subsidiary. The proposal is for a harmonised European recommendation to be adopted.

What is the current state of progress as regards this matter?