

**Question for written answer E-013879/2015**  
**to the Commission (Vice-President / High Representative)**  
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Subject: VP/HR - How does the High Representative of the Union for Foreign Affairs and Security Policy plan to improve relations with Russia?

The President of the Commission, Jean-Claude Juncker, said during a discussion organised in Passau, Germany by Passauer Neue Presse that the EU should improve its relations with the Russian Federation. He said that the current situation cannot continue and Europe cannot allow its relations with Russia to be dictated by Washington. What steps will the High Representative of the Union for Foreign Affairs and Security Policy take to improve EU-Russia relations?

The delegation for EU cooperation with the Russian State Duma clearly has an important role to play in renewing relations in such a way that both sides can benefit. The delegation's activity has been paralysed by the discriminatory list of Russian citizens who are forbidden from entering EU territory, however. What steps will be taken to make sure that this delegation can continue its work?