

**Question for written answer E-000590/2016
to the Commission**
Rule 130
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Subject: Presentation of the European Union on the 'europa.eu' website

The European Union's general presentation page on the 'europa.eu' website, entitled 'The EU in brief', contains the following statement: 'The EU is a unique economic and political partnership between 28 European countries that together cover much of the continent.'¹

The message to the public places the emphasis mainly on the economic dimension of the integration process. The political dimension is relegated to the background, avoiding any mention of (to cite only these examples): the Area of Freedom, Security and Justice; sustainable development, justice and social protection, all of which are listed in Article 3 TEU. Moreover, there is no reference to promoting solidarity among Member States (Article 3(3) TEU) or the creation of an ever closer union (Article 1 TEU).

Does the Commission consider it desirable, in this period of growing Euroscepticism, to alter the presentation of the Union so as to emphasise the values on which it is based, the policies which distinguish it from a mere single market, and the ambition to create an ever closer union?

¹ http://europa.eu/about-eu/basic-information/about/index_en.htm