

**Question for written answer E-001167/2016/rev.1  
to the Commission**  
Rule 130  
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Subject: Simplification of legal language in Member States' EU texts

In the light of the 2012 article by N. Ahmad and N. Katsos concerning the simplification of legal language and the crucial impact it can have on the understanding of legal content without any significant change in meaning;

and given that being able to understand legal content when involved in a case is the right of every citizen directly or indirectly affected, and that in many cases the complexity present in legal language is unnecessary:

Can the Commission provide information regarding any comparative studies that analyse the possibility of simplifying legal language in Member States' EU texts?