Question for written answer E-001454/2016 to the Commission Rule 130 Jozo Radoš (ALDE)

Subject: Coordination of judicial reforms in Western Balkan countries

In its response to my question E-014941/2015, the Commission stated that events organised through the Technical Assistance and Information Exchange instrument of the European Commission (TAIEX) promote the exchange of best practices and that 'at political level Justice Ministers from the region and the European Commission exchange regularly views on justice reform issues'. The Commission also stated that 'the countries have started developing and implementing ICT tools - often supported through IPA'.

Given the importance of the judiciary and the similarities between the judicial systems of all six Western Balkan countries, I would like to put the following questions:

- 1. Do the aforementioned exchanges of best practices or of views at political level include any joint binding tasks?
- 2. Does the Commission plan to contribute to the development of a unique project for the informatisation of the judiciaries in all six Western Balkan countries?