

**Question for written answer E-001721/2016
to the Commission**

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Subject: Compliance with EU law

The Commission has recently expressed its intention to use all measures at its disposal to ensure that the Member States comply with their obligations set out in EU law and respect the values of the EU. The Commission made it clear that it does not intend to establish any new mechanism on democracy, the rule of law and fundamental rights.

- What kind of tools is the Commission using to monitor Member States' compliance with their obligation to respect the values of the EU enshrined in Article 2 of the Treaty on European Union?
- The Commission refers at times to having common objectives and clear indicators of rule of law breaches. Have these indicators already been formally established?