

**Question for written answer E-002528/2016
to the Commission**

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Subject: European Week of Sport

The European Week of Sport, funded via Erasmus+, has as its aim 'the promotion of sport and physical activity throughout Europe'. During this week, many sports events and activities are organised in Brussels and other locations across the 28 Member States, as well as in Macedonia, Iceland, Norway, Liechtenstein, and Turkey.

The first edition was organised during the second week of September 2015. The second edition is scheduled for 10 to 16 September 2016.

Both editions of the European Week of Sport will therefore have taken place during European Parliament plenary sessions in Strasbourg, thus effectively excluding the active participation of the European Parliament.

During the 2015 week, Commissioner Vassiliou explained that the European Week of Sport was held during the second week of September as 'it is the time of the year when most people are likely to consider membership in fitness centres or to engage in some other form of physical activity'.

Despite a request to change the dates so that the event is held when Parliament is not in session in Strasbourg, why is the Commission still continuing to organise the European Week of Sport during a Strasbourg session?