

**Question for written answer E-004792/2016
to the Commission**
Rule 130
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Subject: Cross-border corporate mergers

Directive 2005/56 on cross-border mergers has filled a large gap in EU corporate law but, as a large majority of the respondents argue in their responses in the recent Commission consultation exercise, it may now need to be modified to deal with a number of difficulties relating to the way in which it is implemented and operates.

How will the Commission ensure in particular greater consistency between the Directive and the Regulation on the Statute for a European company (SE), especially with regard to the rights of workers and employees of companies subject to cross-border mergers?

Can the Commission also ensure that any further harmonisation and simplification of the rules on corporate mergers does not adversely affect the balance between the various parties involved in corporate governance, including minority shareholders and employees?