

**Question for written answer E-004793/2016
to the Commission**
Rule 130
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Subject: Cross-border divisions of companies

While business mergers at European level have been governed since 2005 by Directive 2005/56/EC, no common framework regulatory provisions have been drawn up regarding cross-border divisions of companies within the EU. According to the findings of the Commission's 2015 survey, the number of divisions spread over several countries is very limited, compared with a much higher level within single Member States.

In view of this:

Does the Commission intend to follow up its survey with the introduction of framework provisions similar to those applicable to business mergers?

What guarantees can the Commission provide that such new provisions can afford protection for workers and ensure their involvement in businesses with cross-border divisions?