

**Question for written answer E-006962/2016
to the Commission**
Rule 130
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Subject: Monsanto-Bayer merger

On Wednesday, 14 September, the Bayer Group announced its intention to acquire Monsanto. The merged group would be the world leader in seeds and pesticides, with more than a quarter of the global market. It would aim to control the entire agri-food chain, from seeds to the consumer's plate.

The Commission has 25 days following the announcement of the acquisition to oppose it under competition rules. What is it waiting for before announcing its opposition to this acquisition?