

**Question for written answer E-008387/2016
to the Commission**
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Subject: Code of Conduct for Commissioners

Each in their own way, the recent Kroes, Barroso and Oettinger scandals have highlighted the need to revise the Code of Conduct for Commissioners (CCC).

In an independent study carried out in 2014, the law firm Blomeyer & Sanz found that the 2011 revision of the CCC failed to take account of 19 of the 28 recommendations made by the European Parliament in 2009. In particular, Parliament proposed that criteria should be laid down for assessing the compatibility with the CCC of the positions taken up by former Commissioners, that the assessments in question should be published and that the period during which restrictions on former Commissioners' professional activities applies should be extended to two years.

In a letter of 14 September 2016, Transparency International EU also called on the Commission to revise the CCC and proposes a number of changes, such as an extension to three years of the period during which restrictions on former Commissioners' professional activities applies, with a ban on activities which involve lobbying of the EU institutions, possible additional requirements to be met by former Presidents of the Commission and the setting-up of a completely independent ethics committee with binding powers to issue recommendations and impose penalties.

In the light of the massive increase in public mistrust of the EU institutions, and given that a range of proposals have been put forward, does the Commission plan to revise the CCC?