

**Question for written answer E-005114/2017  
to the Commission**  
Rule 130  
**Sorin Moisă (S&D)**

Subject: 3D printing standards

The answer to written question E-006486/2016 given on behalf of the Commission by Commissioner Bieńkowska states that 'certification is an efficient way to foster a greater use of quality norms in the market without regulation'. Nevertheless, the EU seems to have only a limited engagement in the field of standardisation of additive manufacturing technology (AMT), in particular as regards ICT-enabled and sustainability-enabled issues, as seen in the analysis published by the Commission in September 2016<sup>1</sup>.

1. Is the Commission encouraging the participation of relevant partners in 3D printing standardisation committees, or, vice versa, of standardisation committees in consortia?
2. What are the best ways to adapt standardisation to the diffusion of AMT?

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<sup>1</sup> 'An analysis of drivers, barriers and readiness factors of EU companies for adopting advanced manufacturing products and technologies', by Henning Kroll, Giacomo Copani, Els Van de Velde, Magnus Simons, Djerdj Horvat, Angela Jäger, Annelies Wastyn, Golboo Pourabdollahian and Mika Naumanen.