

**Question for written answer E-000497/2018**  
**to the Commission**  
Rule 130  
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Subject: The cooperative movement

In its answer to question E-008311/2014, the Commission pointed out that it had set up a working group with representatives of the cooperative movement from all over Europe to 'assess the specific needs of cooperatives in relation to issues such as the regulatory framework, identification of barriers at national level and internationalization, financial and business support, entrepreneurship education etc. to consider needs for further action'.

With that answer in mind, and given the time that has elapsed, has a need been identified, as a result of that group's work, to take fresh action to promote the cooperative movement in the EU?