

**Question for written answer E-006200/2018
to the Commission**
Rule 130
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Subject: Regulations on the protection of minors

In divorce proceedings that involve child custody, rules concerning the exercise of parental authority with regard, for example, to the child's education and the administration of their property, are set by each Member State.

There are currently no common legal provisions in the European Union to prevent cases in which one parent fails to fulfil their legal obligation to 'hand over' the child to the other parent.

In such situations, a court of law needs to intervene and impose sanctions. Forced recovery procedures or findings of parental non-compliance with court decisions regarding custody programmes can be traumatic for minors – particularly when the authorities pull the child out of the arms of their mother or father – and can constitute a violation of the principle of the best interests of the child.

Although these rules fall under the principle of subsidiarity, does the Commission consider that there is a need for compulsory regulation with automatic and homogeneous application for the sanctioning of parents that do not respect court decisions, without the need for legal alternatives?