

**Question for written answer E-001388/2019/rev.1
to the Commission**
Rule 130
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Subject: The EU Justice Scoreboard 2018/2645 - Other court officials

The 'EU Justice Scoreboard', published annually by the European Commission, compiles objective and reliable data on the functioning of justice systems in the 28 Member States of the European Union. It gives a comparative overview of the independence, quality and efficiency of these judicial systems at the heart of the rule of law and European democracy. Improving the efficiency of justice is a priority of the European Scoreboards and European Semesters.

With regard to legal professionals, the scoreboards contain information on judges and lawyers.

However, other court officials, including *Rechtspfleger* and court clerks, who are present in more than half of all Member States, play a crucial role in the effectiveness of national justice systems.

- (1) Could the European Commission include these staff in the European Scoreboards and European Semesters in order to make these tools and what they are trying to achieve more relevant?
- (2) How could the Commission improve the functioning of justice systems while promoting the role of these staff and taking advantage of their skill set?