

**Question for oral answer O-000102/2016  
to the Commission**

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on behalf of the Committee on Culture and Education

Subject: Match-fixing

The manipulation of sports competitions, linked to illegal betting, is a real threat to the integrity of sports. Parliament has highlighted on several occasions its commitment to fighting match-fixing and has reaffirmed its positive attitude towards the Council of Europe Convention on Manipulation of Sports Competitions.

Parliament appreciates the role the Commission played in the negotiation process and in proposing an EU signature. Parliament stresses also that it is highly desirable for the EU and its Member States to be involved in the setting up of the monitoring system and in the development of operational cooperation within the framework of the convention as from its entry into force.

In this context, Parliament deeply regrets that the convention's entry into force is now delayed.

It should be noted that there is broad support from the Member States in favour of a quick entry into force of this convention, and that some are ready to ratify but are simply prevented from doing so because of EU internal procedural issues and the political opposition of one country.

What steps does the Commission envisage to take in order to break this deadlock and enable the Member States – which played a key role in the preparation of this convention – to sign and ratify the convention as soon as possible?

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