

**Question for written answer P-008247/2014
to the Commission**
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Subject: A European Stakeholder Forum for Better Regulation

The Commission is working to simplify legislation through the Refit (Regulatory Fitness and Performance) programme. However, it is crucial not just to work with EU legislation but also to focus on how the EU Member States implement it. Part of an undertaking's administrative burden is often related to special national rules and inappropriate national implementation of EU legislation.

With that in mind, I should like to draw attention to the Danish Business Forum for Simpler Rules (www.enklereregler.dk) which aims to update and simplify legislation in close dialogue with business. The Danish Business Forum for Simpler Rules aims at a dialogue with business in areas that businesses perceive as the most burdensome, and makes proposals to the relevant Danish ministries. The most important feature of the Danish Business Forum for Simpler Rules is that it makes proposals targeting areas in which firms have asked for them. When the Danish Business Forum for Simpler Regulation makes a proposal to a ministry, the ministry has to respond in accordance with a 'comply or explain' principle.

In the light of the above, I should like to hear the Commission's comments on and evaluation of whether a business forum of this kind, comprising representatives from businesses and stakeholders in the labour market, could be set up at European level, e.g. within the framework of the Refit programme, and as part of the new mandate for a future high-level group funded via the Cosme programme.