

**Question for written answer P-008852/2014
to the Commission**
Rule 130
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Subject: EU strategy for the Black Sea region

In 2007 the Commission launched the Black Sea Synergy initiative. Parliament repeatedly tackled the issue in the last legislative period, calling on the Commission and the European External Action Service to prepare an EU strategy for the Black Sea region.

To date little has been done and even less has been achieved.

The success and credibility of the EU vis-à-vis the world and our own citizens are inherently associated with our ability to address challenges at our borders, in our own neighbourhood.

1. Does the Commission think that a strategy for the Black Sea, given its inclusive nature in terms of participating Member States, could be a means to address our security and sectoral concerns, priorities and interests in the region?
2. Should we expect any developments on the matter during the current term?