

**Question for written answer P-010950/2014**  
**to the Commission (Vice-President / High Representative)**  
Rule 130  
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Subject: VP/HR - Possible merger of European External Action Service (EEAS) civilian and military crisis management and crisis prevention structures

Since the proposal made by the Vice-President/High Representative on 11 July 2011 concerning the creation of a Civilian and Military Planning and Conduct Capability, which would include an autonomous military operational planning and conduct capability (OHQ), no progress has been made so far.

1. Is there an intention to merge or partially merge existing crisis prevention, response and management structures, such as the Civilian Planning and Conduct Capability (CPCC), the Crisis Management and Planning Directorate (CMPD), European Union Military Staff (EUMS), the Crisis Response and Operational Coordination department of the European External Action Service (EEAS) and other thematic EEAS structures, in order to create a new, integrated civil-military body?
2. If such a merger is foreseen, what measures will be taken to ensure that the areas and structures of conflict prevention, peace-building and crisis response – including Commission projects in these fields – will be strengthened rather than marginalised vis-à-vis the already dominant military Common Security and Defence Policy (CSDP) structures, in order to achieve a truly comprehensive EU approach?
3. In the case of a merger, how will experts with a military background be prevented from starting to plan and conduct civilian CSDP missions, bearing in mind the distinct character of civilian missions and the far higher availability, and current dominance, of military experts in EEAS CSDP structures?