

**Question for written answer P-011153/2015
to the Commission**

Rule 130

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Subject: Shortlist of candidates for the post of Director of the European Union Agency for Fundamental Rights

According to Article 15(2) of Council Regulation (EC) No 168/2007 establishing a European Union Agency for Fundamental Rights, 'on the basis of a list drawn up by the Commission after a call for candidates and a transparent selection procedure, applicants [for the post of Director] will be asked before an appointment is made to address the Council and the competent European Parliament Committee and to reply to questions'. Indeed, given that the task of the Agency is to provide the EU institutions and the Member States with reliable, objective and balanced expertise on human rights issues, the selection procedure for its director should be completely transparent. However, this is not the case for the ongoing procedure: the shortlist was made available to the members of the LIBE Committee only very shortly before the meeting in which a hearing of the three candidates took place. Furthermore, we received no information on the other candidates not shortlisted by the Commission, or on the selection criteria. Can the Commission disclose the names and CVs of all the other people who applied for this post, and explain the criteria on which the selection for the shortlist was based? How does the Commission intend to compensate for this lack of transparency and this disrespect of the aforementioned article of Council Regulation (EC) No 168/2007?