

Question for written answer P-007680/2016
to the Commission (Vice-President / High Representative)
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Subject: VP/HR - ENP Progress Reports and role of the European Parliament

The review of the European Neighbourhood Policy foresees changes to the Progress Reports, the documents published annually by the Commission and the VP/HR assessing the progress made by the southern and eastern neighbours towards the objectives of the Action Plans and Association Agendas.

As underlined in the joint communication, in future there will no longer be a single set of reports on all countries simultaneously, as the EU will seek to develop a new style of assessment.

In line with the latest stages of implementation, the new Reports will be utilised in the framework of the Association/Cooperation Councils to provide the basis for a political exchange of views.

The Progress Reports are not only of fundamental importance for the work of the European Parliament: they also provide a solid basis whose strategic objectives Parliament can, notably, contribute to. It is in this context, and fully acknowledging such a role, that the Reports used to be presented to the Committee on Foreign Affairs ahead of their publication.

- Can the VP/HR explain how Parliament and its Committee on Foreign Affairs will be involved in this process in the future?
- What kind of assessment document will Parliament receive?
- At what stage of the Association Council will Parliament be informed of the relevant political content, and in what form?