

WRITTEN QUESTION E-2164/01  
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to the Commission

Subject: Brussels: a capital for Europe?

According to press reports, the Belgian Prime Minister and the Commission President have organised a discussion forum on the role of Brussels as capital of Europe.

1. Does the President's involvement stem from a Commission decision?
2. If so, does the Commission think it right to intervene in this way regarding the seat of the institutions by coming out on the side of Brussels? Can it justify its attitude?
3. If not, should the Commission President be considered to be acting in a personal capacity?
4. Is he willing to show the same kind of support for Luxembourg and Strasbourg?