

WRITTEN QUESTION E-2295/01  
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to the Commission

Subject: Unbalanced membership of the Enterprise Policy Group

1. What is the Commission's purpose in setting up, within the Directorate-General for Enterprise, the Enterprise Policy Group which began work on 11 June 2001?
2. How does the Commission justify the fact that, of the 35 members of this Group, only 4 come from the trade sector, even though additional jobs and training places in Europe are mostly being created in SMEs in the trade, craft and service sectors? Why are none of these representatives from Germany, which is after all the [EU's] largest trading nation? (Does not the Commission not consider that this body's membership as a whole is somewhat unbalanced, given that only 4 of its members come from Germany?)
3. How does the Commission justify dissolving, and not replacing, the Committee on Commerce and Distribution of the former DG XXII, in which leading representatives from the trade and service sectors provided valuable advice to the Commission? Does the Commission propose to reinstate this committee?