

WRITTEN QUESTION E-2107/08  
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to the Commission

Subject: Barcelona Process: Union for the Mediterranean - conclusions of the 2008 Spring Summit

In the conclusions of the European Council Spring Summit of 13 and 14 March 2008, the Commission is called upon to present to the Council proposals concerning the modalities of the Union for the Mediterranean.

What is the Commission's timetable for the drafting of these proposals? When precisely will they be presented to the Council? What will be the specific content of the Commission's proposals? What institutional and financial framework does the Commission have in mind? Will it propose that there should be a president of the Union for the Mediterranean? If so, will it be possible for prospective presidents to come from an EU Member State that is not situated on the Mediterranean, e.g. Lithuania or Denmark? Which Directorate-General is responsible for drawing up the proposals for a Union for the Mediterranean?