

**Question for written answer E-4136/2010
to the Commission**
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Subject: EU 2020 strategy - Instruments to ensure and monitor implementation by Member States

On 10 March 2010, Parliament adopted a resolution on the EU 2020 strategy. An intergovernmental agreement has also been reached within the European Council as to the key elements of a new strategy on employment and economic growth. Work on the final draft legislative act is still ongoing, but it is clear even at this stage that the new strategy will not include sanctions for failure to adhere to its requirements.

Are the Commission's representatives in the drafting process considering the introduction of additional legal instruments enabling the implementation of the EU 2020 strategy by the Member States to be monitored? Will proposals for effective ways of enforcing the strategy's provisions be brought forward, such as financial sanctions to be applied in the event of a Member State refusing to cooperate?