

**Question for written answer E-003033/2012
to the Commission
Rule 117
András Gyürk (PPE)**

Subject: Independence of Bálint Magyar, member of the EIT Governing Board

Bálint Magyar – former chairman of the Hungarian liberal party (Alliance of Free Democrats) and former Hungarian Minister for Education, currently a member of the Governing Board of the European Institute of Innovation and Technology (EIT) – published a detailed political statement in the December 2011 edition of *Osteuropa* entitled '*Autokratie in Aktion – Ungarn unter Orbán*' (Autocracy in action – Hungary under Orbán), heavily criticising the latest reforms of the Hungarian Government.

Annex 1(2) of the EIT Code of Good Conduct Regarding Conflicts of Interest states that 'the members of the Governing Board shall participate in their personal capacity and act in the best possible interests of the EIT and its mission, independently from any academic, institutional, industrial, political or other specific interests they might have.'

Since Bálint Magyar's statement is an open political accusation which does not comply with the basic principles of the EIT Code of Good Conduct, an investigation of the issue must follow.

- When could the Commission provide any information about the outcome of the investigation?