

**Question for written answer E-011155/2012  
to the Commission**

Rule 117

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**Subject:** Letter from the European Banking Authority (EBA) concerning the triologue negotiations for the transposition of the Basel III recommendations

In a letter to the Presidency of the Council, the Commission and various Members of the European Parliament on 5 November, the EBA expressed its concerns in relation to the status of the triologue negotiations on the transposition of the Basel III capital requirements framework. Citing contacts with various stakeholders, the EBA expressed the opinion that individual provisions of the regulations currently under negotiation between the Council, the Commission and the European Parliament were inappropriate. The EBA believes that cooperative banks and savings banks were given preferential treatment in the discussions as they now stand, compared to banks with the legal form of public limited companies.

1. With which stakeholders did the EBA meet before reaching this opinion?
2. Did the EBA initiate an impartial and transparent opinion-forming process?
3. What were the factors upon which the EBA based this letter?
4. How can the choice of the relevant aspects be explained?