

**Question for written answer E-011593/2012
to the Commission
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Subject: Collective redress

The Commission's 2012 work programme provides for the creation of common rules on collective redress. In its resolution of February 2012 the European Parliament called for a legally binding framework comprising a body of common principles guaranteeing uniform access to justice within the EU by means of collective redress, subject to the introduction of strong safeguards in order to prevent abusive actions (prohibition of punitive damages, setting up an opt-in system, and so on).

After announcing it at the end of 2011, the Commission undertook to present a communication by the end of 2012 and a legislative proposal on actions for damages for infringement of the rules on agreements and abuse of a dominant position. The new Commissioner for Health and Consumer Policy stated at his hearing before the European Parliament that a major priority of his mandate would be to implement quickly effective systems of redress, including collective redress. After a great deal of consultations and work conducted in the field of consumers and competition over a number of years, the detailed rules in respect of effective and controlled redress have been sufficiently discussed.

1. Given the absence of any reference to the creation of a mechanism for collective redress in the Commission's 2013 work programme presented in October, does the Commission still intend to present a communication and a legislative proposal in this area? If so, what is the expected timetable for this?
2. If not, what are the reasons for that decision?