

**Question for written answer E-001078/2013  
to the Commission**

Rule 117

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Subject: Commission Report on Progress in Romania under the Cooperation and Verification Mechanism

Since the Commission's report on the progress in Romania under the Cooperation and Verification Mechanism, which was published on 30 January 2013, contains a series of inadvertent mistakes and inaccuracies that stem, one would hope, from lack of knowledge of the real situation Romania rather than from any ill will, can the Commission state:

1. What sources of information the report was based on, given that it was not presented to the government prior to publication so that any errors could be corrected?
2. Whether, in comparison to the 2010 assessment report, this report does not show unjustified concern on the part of the Commission as to the number of emergency decrees issued by the government and the neutrality of the Ombudsman? Despite the fact that in 2010 alone the Boc Government issued over 130 emergency decrees and the Ombudsman at the time did nothing in that respect, the Commission did not find this sufficiently serious to merit mention in the reports on Romania for that year. How does the Commission justify its lack of objectivity in this regard?
3. How can the mass media have exercised 'undue pressure or intimidation' against the judiciary, when its role is specifically to inform? What evidence does the Commission have of this?
4. How is it possible for the Commission's assessment report, which claims to be clear, well-documented and highly objective, to contain statements such as: the 'decisions of the Constitutional Court, APPEAR to have been published in a timely fashion in the Official Journal'?