

**Question for written answer E-003316/2013
to the Commission**
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Subject: U-Multirank

The Commissioner for Education, Culture, Multilingualism and Youth, Androulla Vassiliou, was in Paris on 18 and 19 March to discuss U-Multirank, the new European Union-backed university ranking.

As France has announced the launch of the CERES (cartographie des établissements d'enseignement supérieur et de recherche) project to map the country's higher education system, which will initially involve some thirty institutions, could the Commission explain how this initiative will work with U-Multirank?

Do other Member States plan to develop parallel ranking systems? If so, how could U-Multirank benefit from them?