

**Question for written answer E-006335/2013
to the Commission**
Rule 117
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Subject: Establishment of a European Patent Court

At the June 2012 European Council, Member States agreed to set up a European Patent Court. Its seat will be in Paris, and the court of appeal will be attached to the Court of Justice of the European Union in Luxembourg.

Does the Commission believe that the court will be able to carry out its work effectively despite being located in two different countries? Does it see a need to take further measures in an effort to ensure that excessive legal costs do not deter individuals or groups from initiating legal proceedings or seeking to have decisions overturned by the court of appeal in Luxembourg?