

**Question for written answer E-008580/2013  
to the Commission**  
Rule 117  
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Subject: Regulatory framework for volunteering in the Member States

With regard to the 2011 European Year of Volunteering, and with reference to the Commission report on it of December 2012 (COM(2012) 781 final) and the study conducted in February 2010 (commissioned by the Directorate General for Education and Culture) highlighting the relevance of the level of regulation of voluntary activity in Member States as a prerequisite for creating an environment in which volunteering can thrive, I have two questions.

Does the Commission consider that the existence of a regulatory framework for volunteering in specific Member States will lead to increased interest in voluntary activity there? What measures are proposed to encourage exchanges of best practice among Member States in this regard?