

**Question for written answer E-001138/2014  
to the Commission**  
Rule 117  
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Subject: Permit procedures for matters of European interest

In its communication 'Energy 2020', the Commission recommended 'the streamlining' of 'permit procedures' for projects of 'European interest' as one of the means necessary for ensuring more competitive energy in the EU.

The Commission thus envisages that, via the nomination of a single authority at national level, the Member States should be able to carry out all procedures more quickly.

The real economy is indeed faced with an almost endless number of rules of a local, regional, national and European nature when new investments are to be planned and made by the energy industry, for example.

There are 200 directives relating to environmental protection alone. At the same time, the Commission talks of reducing bureaucracy.

Is it not in fact time to put an end to this regulatory proliferation?

When does the Commission intend to present a proposal regarding the streamlining of permit procedures?