

**Question for written answer E-003856/2014/rev.1
to the Commission**
Rule 117
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Subject: Serving custodial sentences in country of origin

According to Commission press release IP/14/100 of 5 February 2014, ten EU Member States have yet to implement Council Framework Decision 2008/909/JHA on the application of the principle of mutual recognition to judgments in criminal matters imposing custodial sentences or measures involving deprivation of liberty (serving of sentences in country of origin).

What options does the Commission have for enforcing the Council Framework Decision and ensuring that all Member States apply the principle of mutual recognition of sentences?

How does the Commission propose to ensure the implementation of the Council Framework Decision?

Does the Commission have figures on how many persons subject to deprivation of liberty were exchanged between the Member States in 2013?

Will the Commission consider submitting new legislative proposals with a legal basis in the Lisbon Treaty to secure the application of the principle of mutual recognition of judgments in criminal matters, thus enabling Member States to send criminals to serve their sentences in their home countries, provided the conditions of the current Framework Decision are met?