

**Question for written answer E-004460/2014
to the Commission**
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Subject: Plans to hold referendums on independence in some EU regions

It has been reported in recent months that regional authorities in various Member States are planning to hold referendums on independence for their regions. The most widely reported cases concern Catalonia and Scotland.

In the event that such referendums are declared unlawful but the population of the regions concerned vote for independence, what legal status will these regions have vis-à-vis the European Union? Will they remain members of the European Union, or will they need to embark on a fresh accession procedure?