

**Question for written answer E-002026/2017  
to the Commission**

Rule 130

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Subject: Deadline for collecting statements of support for 'Mum, Dad & Kids' citizens' initiative

On 16 December 2016, the Polish Ministry of Digital Affairs asked the Commission to take a position on whether the deadline for collecting statements of support for 'Mum, Dad & Kids' citizens' initiative could be extended, taking into account the problems with a certification procedure for a computer system used to collect the statements online. On 8 February 2017, Vice-President Frans Timmermans stated in his reply that the deadline for collecting statements of supports for this initiative had expired on 11 December 2016.

In light of this:

1. Why did the Commission challenge Parliament's position, as expressed in the report of 7 October 2015, by refusing to set the deadline for signature collection as 3 April 2017? In its report, Parliament requested organisers of citizens' initiatives to determine on their own the beginning and end of the period for collecting statements of support.
2. How would the Commission justify different treatment of EU citizens' initiatives, given the extension of the deadline for collecting statements of supports for initiatives registered in 2012 (the first pool)?