

Question for written answer E-003672/2017
to the Commission
Rule 130
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Subject: Freedom of opinion and expression in the EU

The Sweden Democrats Party attaches great importance to freedom of opinion and expression and is determined to draw immediate attention to any violation of that freedom. Party representatives in the European Parliament wish to inquire about the current state of freedom of opinion and expression in the EU.

1. Does the Commission agree that freedom of opinion and expression is of great importance and should, particularly in this day and age, be a given throughout the European Union?
2. How does the Commission assess the current state of freedom of opinion in all 28 Member States?
3. How many people have to date been arrested, tried and/or convicted for stating their opinion and/or expressing their opinion in the Member States?