

**Question for written answer E-005541/2017
to the Commission**

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Subject: Repercussions for the EU should Catalonia become independent

The authorities in the Autonomous Community of Catalonia have announced that a referendum on the region's independence will be held on 1 Octobre 2017.

Were Catalonia to become independent this would raise a number of issues, and in particular the question of its currency. Independence would mean that this new sovereign state would no longer be part of the European Union and nor, therefore, of the euro area. Catalonia would, de jure, leave the euro area and the EU, even if it could continue to use the euro as its national currency just as Kosovo and Montenegro do.

Does the Commission have a plan prepared in case this eventuality should come to pass?