

**Question for written answer E-006259/2018
to the Commission**
Rule 130
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Subject: International activities of self-governments

States, as undisputed 'leading actors' on the international arena, are subject to many processes in the international sphere. We should also consider the situation of the constituent parts of countries, such as provinces (voivodeships) (Poland), federal states (Länder) (Germany), federal states (cantons) (Switzerland) or states (USA), which clearly operate on the international arena. Self-governments with a specific legal status in a given country *pars pro toto* become participants in international legal transactions.

In view of the above, I would like to address the following questions to the European Commission:

1. In the opinion of the European Commission, does the group of international law entities undergo a specific expansion in the factual sphere, referring to the classic catalogue of public international law?
2. In the opinion of the European Commission, do regional self-governments play an important role in establishing international relations?
3. Does the information held by the European Commission indicate an increase in international cooperation of self-governments of EU countries or a decrease in their activity in this area?