

**Question for written answer E-006496/2018
to the Commission**
Rule 130
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Subject: Extraterritoriality of US laws

The principle of extraterritoriality in US law gives the United States the power to enact standards that apply to non-US legal subjects. It is particularly evident in a number of areas, such as international corruption, where American standards have been imposed through the repeated application of the Foreign Corrupt Practices Act (FCPA) of 1977. Several European companies have been sanctioned on this basis: Siemens in 2008, Technip in 2010, Alstom in 2014, and Sanofi in 2018. Today, it appears to be the turn of Airbus to be subjected to US judicial proceedings for corruption. This principle of extraterritoriality, when used as a diplomatic and economic tool, damages European companies and directly affects the sovereignty of third countries.

In this context:

What measures does the Commission intend to take to restore the sovereignty of EU Member States and the free activity of European companies in the face of the principle of extraterritoriality in US law?