

**Question for written answer E-001635/2019
to the Commission**
Rule 130
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Subject: European Semester country reports

Each year, as part of the European Semester, the Commission publishes country reports providing an in-depth analysis of the situation in the Member States participating in the European Semester and assessing the progress made in the implementation of the previous year's recommendations.

The references presented by the Commission at the end of the reports show that a number of expert studies and evaluation reports have been used in the preparation of these reports. However, it is not clear whether the Commission consults all interested stakeholders, including non-profit organisations and civil society, when drawing up these reports.

In light of this, I should like to know:

1. Is the Commission relying exclusively on the studies indicated at the end of each report, or does it also consult with other stakeholders on the drafting of the report and the situation in the Member State in question?
2. Does the Commission accept comments and observations submitted by civil society during the reporting process?
3. Does the Commission not intend to establish a public consultation mechanism for country reports providing precise conditions for the submission of comments by non-profit organisations and civil society?