

**Question for written answer E-002608/2019**  
**to the Commission**  
Rule 138  
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Subject: Responsibility of the Commission for protecting minorities

Minorities contribute in a special way to peaceful coexistence in our society and to the cultural and linguistic diversity of Europe. Minorities policy should be accorded special importance.

The work of minority associations aims to develop an institutionally-grounded responsibility for minority politics at European level. This includes the European Citizens' Initiative 'Minority SafePack', which has attracted far more than the required 1 million signatures and the Commission will therefore address this topic. One of the demands is to establish binding responsibility for minority affairs at Union level and to include all matters relating to the protection and rights of minorities in the EU within the remit of a Commissioner.

1. Does the Commission have any plans to include responsibility for the protection and rights of minorities in the remit of a Commissioner?
2. If not, what measures is the Commission planning to organise the enforcement of minority rights in some other way?