

**Question for written answer E-003958/2019
to the Commission**
Rule 138
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Subject: Better regulation policy and the rule of law

Through its better regulation policy, the Commission has committed to designing, delivering and supporting the implementation of high quality measures and actions – both legislative and non-legislative. Communications are non-legislative, and therefore subject to its better regulation policy.

One of the principles of the better regulation toolbox is that evidence should inform political decisions – not the other way around. Furthermore, one of the aims of an impact assessment is to determine whether the act being proposed applies the same standards to all those concerned.

In the light of the above, has the Commission performed any impact assessments to determine whether its rule of law communication complies with these principles?

How will the Commission ensure that the measures and standards proposed in its communication on the rule of law of 17 July 2019 are applied uniformly in all Member States, and that procedures related to the rule of law respect the principle of equal treatment of all Member States?