

**Question for written answer E-003959/2019
to the Commission**
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Subject: Subsidiarity and proportionality in the rule of law

The principles of subsidiarity and proportionality govern the exercise of the EU's competences. Indeed, the exercise of EU competences is closely bound up with the principle of proportionality, which requires that any action by the EU should not go beyond what is necessary to achieve the objectives of the Treaties.

How is the implementation of these principles reflected in the rule of law communication recently adopted by the Commission?

According to the Commission's annual report on the application of proportionality and subsidiarity, for both legislative and non-legislative initiatives the Commission regularly carries out assessments of whether Union action would provide added value compared to action by the Member States. What are the results of these assessments for the rule of law instruments presented by the Commission so far?