

**Question for written answer E-003225/2023
to the Commission**

Rule 138

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Subject: Issues with the 'European Capital of Culture' initiative

According to a study dated 16 October 2023 and carried out by a group of experts from the European Parliament, there are some issues with the 'European Capital of Culture' initiative.

The study points out the need for more substantial administrative support and says that the home region of the city chosen as the capital of culture should be included in order to increase collaboration between local, regional and European authorities.

In addition, the study said local citizens and artists should be actively included in order to promote the chosen city's tradition, history and culture.

In view of this:

1. Does the Commission intend to make the above changes to the 'European Capital of Culture' initiative to strengthen its actual impact?
2. Does it intend to improve the initiative so that it becomes a meaningful point of contact between the EU and the chosen city, including through appropriate funding?

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