

**Question for written answer E-000897/2024  
to the Commission**

Rule 138

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Subject: Number of Commissioners

At present, the number of Commissioners stands at 27 – one for each Member State – although this is not a requirement at all. Already in 2014, there were calls to reduce this number by one third, and this was even enshrined in the Union Treaties. The EPP's electoral manifesto has already revealed an intention to add another Commissioner in the future: a Commissioner for Defence.

1. Does the Commission intend to reduce the number of Commissioners in the next Commission?
2. Why have no steps been taken since 2014 towards reducing the number of Commissioners, despite an agreement being reached to do so?
3. What does the Commission think about the EPP's intention? Can it imagine increasing the number of Commissioners further?

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