

**Question for written answer P-5135/2010
to the Commission**
Rule 117
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Subject: New EU strategy on Turkey

Media reports claim that the EU is currently working on a new strategy on Turkey, which may include visa exemption.

In keeping with the need for the greatest possible transparency on such important issues, can the Commissioner for Enlargement and Neighbourhood Policy and the High Representative/Vice-President of the Commission answer the following questions:

Is the EU currently working on a new strategy on Turkey?

If so, who is working on it, what timetable has been set and to what extent is Parliament involved?

Is the Commission considering granting Turkish people exemption from the requirement to obtain a visa in order to enter the Schengen area?

If so, with what justification?