

**Question for written answer P-010802/2013  
to the Council**  
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Subject: Revision of Directive 92/85/EEC

Parliament approved my proposal for the revision of Directive 92/85/EEC by a large majority on 20 October 2010.

Since then, various rotating presidencies of the EU have taken an interest in the matter.

The proposal received active support from the ETUC and from many individual trade unions in different Member States, as well as NGOs and social organisations.

Inexplicably, the Council has not yet taken a formal decision on the matter, in spite of public moves (in the form of an oral question with debate, for example) and informal approaches by the European Parliament, which has shown itself to be open to dialogue and negotiation, whether formal or informal, and to be prepared to take a flexible approach with a view to identifying solutions that, bearing in mind the current crisis, might lead to an agreement which would satisfy both sides.

Does the Council believe that this is the right way to mobilise European citizens for the 2014 elections?

When does the Council intend to take up a position on this subject?