

**Question for written answer P-002159/2017  
to the Commission**  
Rule 130  
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Subject: European Works Council Directive 2009/38/EC

Article 15 of Directive 2009/38/EC (European Works Council Directive) states that: 'No later than 5 June 2016, the Commission shall report to the European Parliament, the Council and the European Economic and Social Committee on the implementation of this Directive, making appropriate proposals where necessary.'

In its answer to Written Question P-008020-16 from 20 January 2017, the Commission stated that it was in the process of finalising the implementation report.

The current directive lacks the proper enforcement of rights arising from the directive through effective sanctions, including the right to a temporary suspension of company decisions. In practice the implementation of information and consultation is often inadequate and information is provided too late. Furthermore, even 20 years after the directive was adopted, 42 % of European Works Councils are still exempted from the rules of the core directive and its recast due to the pre-directive exemption possibility provided for in Article 13.

1. When will the Commission publish the implementation report of Directive 2009/38/EC?
2. Will the implementation report address the shortcomings above?