

**Question for written answer P-000701/2018
to the Council**
Rule 130
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Subject: Composition of the European Commission

At the European Council meeting on 22 May 2013, it was decided that the European Commission should continue to consist of a number of members equal to the number of Member States. This measure entered into force on 1 November 2014. It was also decided that the European Council would reconsider this decision well in advance of the appointment of the first Commission to succeed the Commission appointed on 1 November 2014.

1. Is it true that, if the status quo is to continue or the number of Commissioners is to be reduced in accordance with the Treaty, the Council must take a unanimous decision on the composition of the Commission before 1 November 2019?
2. When will the Council take a decision on this, and will the Council inform the European Parliament about the draft decision in advance, in order to enable the matter to be publicly debated and to give an opportunity to the European Parliament, as the directly elected representative of the people, to express its views on the matter?
3. Does the Council agree that a reduction in the size of the College of Commissioners would help to make the management of the European Union more efficient, less costly and more focused on the main issues?