

**Priority question for written answer P-002235/2022
to the Commission**

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Subject: Unitarist concept in Bosnia and Herzegovina – one of the major causes of crisis beside separatism

Ever since 2013, the Commission has been making an effort to assist Bosnia and Herzegovina, not only with its macroeconomic policies and economic situation, but also by urging the country to carry out electoral reform, which is a major cause of crisis at the moment. Several documents have been signed with extensive assistance from the Commission, as guidelines for electoral reform, starting with the Agreement on a High-Level Dialogue on the Accession Process signed on 1 October 2013 and finishing with the Mostar Agreement, which was signed on 17 June 2020.

All of these documents aim to ensure respect for human rights and the rights of constituents, but also legitimate representation for all citizens. Since 2013, a group of mainly Bosniak political representatives have been refusing to implement the signed agreements and have openly promoted the unitarist concept of the state. The unitarist concept is a purely Bosniak vision of the state where other constituent peoples would become minorities. Although the Commission cannot impose any specific solution, it should openly talk about this issue in the same way as it is warning about the secessionist threat.

What will the Commission do to reassure citizens of Bosnia and Herzegovina that the unitarist concept will not prevail and that the country will continue to treat all citizens and constituents equally?