

**Question for written answer E-001253/2025
to the Commission**
Rule 144
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Subject: Status of the implementation of the initiative for an annual designation of European Capitals for Children

On 14 March 2024, Parliament adopted, with a vast majority among the political groups, the resolution on the creation of a European initiative for an annual designation of European Capitals for Children.

The aim of this initiative is to strengthen children's rights, promote their active participation in society and enhance exchanges between children from different Member States, giving them a vivid first impression of the diversity of Europe and an introduction to the EU.

In this context, I kindly ask the Commission to respond to the following questions:

1. Is the new Commission aware of this initiative and is it interested in taking action to move this project forward?
2. Does the Commission view this initiative as a positive way to approach children in Europe and will it involve local authorities and civil society organisations in the further development of the initiative?
3. Does the Commission support this initiative, what would be the next steps and how would the Commission involve other supporters such as the Committee of the Regions and UNICEF, which has a Child Friendly Cities Initiative, to make the European Capitals for Children a reality?

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