

**Question for written answer E-003218/2025
to the Commission**
Rule 144
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Subject: Growing marginalisation of national parliaments in the functioning of the European Union

National parliaments are the legitimate representatives of popular sovereignty in each Member State. Yet their role in the European decision-making process is becoming increasingly marginalised.

Despite the scrutiny mechanisms enshrined in the Treaties, such as the early warning procedure or the principle of subsidiarity, it is clear that these instruments are largely ineffective or even ignored. The European institutions, in particular the Commission, are continuing to centralise powers to the detriment of national sovereignty.

This technocratic drift further distances citizens from decisions taken in Brussels, fuelling distrust in the European Union.

Can the Commission say:

1. How it analyses the real role of national parliaments in current European governance?
2. Whether it envisages a reform of democratic control mechanisms to return effective power to national parliaments?
3. What specific measures it intends to propose to ensure compliance with the principle of subsidiarity?

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