

Question for written answer E-004431/2025
to the Commission
Rule 144
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Subject: Switching between summer time and winter time – state of play

In March 2019 Parliament voted to end the practice of switching between summer time and winter time every six months and proposed that the final clock change should be in 2021. Member States would have the option of moving permanently to either summer time or winter time and had to inform the European Commission of their preference by 1 April 2020.

However, the Council of the European Union has since failed to adopt a joint position on this matter and the legislative process has therefore stalled. There were 4.6 million responses to the Commission's public consultation, 84 % of which were in favour of abolishing the clock change. In the meantime, some Member States, such as Spain, have publicly called for the practice of adjusting the clocks every six months to be scrapped once and for all. This question was debated again during the second Strasbourg week of October.

Questions to the Commission:

1. Can the Commission confirm which Member States have so far given notice of their preferred permanent time arrangement (summer time or winter time) and what these preferences were?
2. Does the Commission have any information about what the timetable for and progress of this measure now is?

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