

**Question for written answer E-007925/2012
to the Commission
Rule 117
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Subject: Supposed use of the Cooperation and Verification Mechanism (CVM) to foil the 'coup' in Romania

According to the Romanian press, quoting from *Le Monde*, the European Commissioner for Justice, Viviane Reding, has stated that the 'parliamentary coup' in Romania was foiled by using the Cooperation and Verification Mechanism (CVM) in the field of justice.

Since the CVM relates to the field of justice, in which institutions such as the Anti-Corruption Directorate (DNA), the National Integrity Agency (ANI) and the Supreme Council of Magistracy (CSM) have been set up, can the Commission state how those institutions were used to counter an attack on the legitimate leadership of the state, when in a state governed by the rule of law it is the police, gendarmerie and other such institutions which are responsible for doing this?

Bearing in mind that the judicial institutions do not under normal circumstances perform police duties, can the Commission indicate how it was they were used to counter this attack or what other specific tasks were entrusted to them in order to prevent the dismissal of the President of Romania?