Question for written answer E-009776/2012 to the Commission Rule 117 Adrian Severin (NI)

Subject: Authors of CVM reports on Romania

The Commission periodically draws up reports on the judicial system in Romania as part of the Cooperation and Verification Mechanism (CVM).

The information, assessments and recommendations contained in these reports are flawed by numerous omissions and errors. As a result, the Romanian legal system is increasingly complex, becoming more politicised, para-legal, para-judicial and para-institutional by the year, generating dangerously high levels of confusion and social tension.

A number of MEPs have sought clarification regarding the sources and authors of CVM reports on Romania. The answers given by the Commissioner for Justice Mrs Viviane Reding have always been ambiguous, evasive and inconclusive, referring to eminent national and international experts, specialist NGOs and key interlocutors without specifying exactly who they are.

The 'key interlocutors' are a particular cause for concern, references to other categories suggesting that the most prominent have also been the least valid.

In view of this and in order to respect the principle of transparency, can the Commission give the full names and qualifications of individuals responsible for preparing and drawing up its CVM reports on justice in Romania, indicating the institutions to which they belong?