

**Question for written answer E-010852/2012
to the Commission**
Rule 117
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Subject: Request for clarification regarding claims that the Cooperation and Verification Mechanism (CVM) was used to avert 'coup' in Romania

On 30 October 2012, I received from the Commission a letter referring to my written question of 6 September 2012.

The Commission's letter is in fact evasive. Instead of answering my question, it simply refers to the recommendations of the report concerning progress in Romania with regard to CVM and the stance adopted by the Commission in plenary.

I was actually asking what arguments justified Ms Reding's claim concerning events in Romania, which was published in 'Le Monde', to the effect that the CVM had helped avert acts of violence (an attempted putsch) seeking to remove the President of Romania from office.

The Commission's repeated refusal to give a clear answer to a clear question is an infringement of its obligations to the EP and clearly shows that no justification can be given for Commission interference in the internal affairs of a Member State.

I accordingly reiterate my previous question and ask the Commission to provide precise answers to the following specific questions:

1. What use was made of the CVM and the institutions created by virtue thereof (the Anti-Corruption Directorate – DNA, the National Integrity Agency – ANI, and the Supreme Judicial Council – CSM) to halt acts of violence against the legitimate government of the country, or what other specific tasks were they given to prevent a 'putsch' intended to remove the President of Romania from office?
2. If the CVM was used to prevent a putsch, how does the Commission explain the fact that the forces responsible for containing acts of violence were not deployed?
3. Why did Commissioner Reding consider the removal from office of the President of Romania to be a putsch, i.e. a violent and illegal action?

If the requested information is once again not provided, we will consider this to be an acknowledgement by the Commission that the position adopted by it has no factual or legal basis.