

**Question for written answer E-001458/2014/rev.1  
to the Commission**  
Rule 117  
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Subject: Catalonia's independence from Spain

Catalonia's desire to gain independence from Spain has made news in recent weeks. As in the case of Scotland, if the region were to eventually become independent it would lose EU member status, at least temporarily.

What are the steps that would need to be taken should a region within the EU gain independence?

Seeing as Catalonia is part of the eurozone, what special considerations must be made in this regard?

What impact on Spain does the Commission foresee should Catalonia be forced to change currency?

Would Catalonia be forced to switch to a different currency immediately after independence (if this were to be the case) until a new treaty is renegotiated between both parties?