

Questions for Margrethe Vestager (3 questions)

1. Competition policy and SMEs

How would you promote a competition culture in the EU and world-wide? How would you ensure that competition policy delivers both global competitiveness for European companies and a level-playing field in the internal market where SMEs can compete? Would you support stronger settlement mechanisms based on concessions?

2. State aid to the banking sector

The European Parliament has called in its last three annual competition reports for an end to the state aid crisis regime for the banking sector as soon as possible. Given the new insolvency and single resolution mechanisms for banks, how do you see competition policy, notably state aid, evolving in this new legal framework in the future?

3. Role of the European Parliament in Competition policy

In line with other areas of market integration and economic regulation further to the entry into force of the Lisbon treaty, will you commit to putting forward future proposals shaping the design of EU competition policy under a legal base which involves the European Parliament as a co-legislator, using the ordinary legislative procedure?

Will you notably involve the European Parliament in the design of rules regarding fines applicable to companies that infringe EU competition law? Do you agree to an inter-institutional agreement between the European Commission and the European Parliament to ensure proper scrutiny by the Parliament in competition issues?