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**Hearing with Frans Timmermans,**  
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**the Rule of Law and the Charter of Fundamental Rights**

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Back in 2003, the European Parliament, the Council and the Commission decided to improve the coordination of their legislative work through the Interinstitutional Agreement on Better law making (IIA). Also in the TEU (Article 17.1) there is a provision on legislative programming and the IIA. Unfortunately, the Commission has not used it so far.

Citizens certainly expect that European institutions work more effectively together. If we develop the system of joint legislative programming, then we will argue less about the forms of our cooperation and focus on the substance. Do you plan to propose a new IIA on legislative programming or rather update the 2003 IIA on better law making, adding the legislative programming element? Or do you have another option in mind? What is your judgement of the Council's openness to joint legislative programming becoming part of the IIA?