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ORAL QUESTION (0-121/78)

with debate, pursuant to Rule 47 of the Rules of Procedure by Mr PINTAT

on behalf of the Liberal and Democratic Group to the Commission of the European Communities

Subject: Opinion polls on direct elections

The results were recently published of an opinion poll sponsored by the Commission on the voting intentions of the citizens of the nine Member States in the first direct elections.

The Commission is perfectly entitled to conduct polls for its own use. Does it not consider, however, that it ought to forward to the European Parliament, before any publication, the results of all polls concerning it?

Is there not, at European level, a general problem as regards the regulation of polls on voting intentions, considering that the publication of their results is liable to influence future European voters one way or another?

Could the Commission indicate how the poll was conducted?