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### **Commission sets the record straight on Hungary's 'Stop Brussels' Consultation and debates legal issues and fundamental values**

In April 2017, the Hungarian government launched a national consultation of all Hungarian households, entitled «Stop Brussels», focusing on 6 specific issues. Several of the claims and allegations made in the consultation are factually incorrect or highly misleading. The European Commission would like to set the record straight – based on hard facts.

In the European Parliament this afternoon, in a debate with Hungarian Prime Minister Viktor Orbán, Commission First Vice-President **Timmermans** said:

*"Recent developments in Hungary have got many people worried in the EU but also in the outside world. We share those worries and concerns. Questions have been asked about the compatibility of certain actions of the Hungarian authorities with EU law and with our shared values."*

*The Commission has decided to prepare and make public its own response to the Hungarian Government's 'Stop Brussels' consultation, in order to dispel misunderstandings and get the facts straight.*

*The European Union is not and has never been about "Brussels" but a project driven and designed by its Member States, each of which has decided unilaterally and democratically that this is the path they wish to adopt, including Hungary. Each and every one of those Member States, including Hungary, takes both the responsibility and the credit for the decisions taken collectively. Each and every one of those Member State, including Hungary, undersigned the rules of the "club".*

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The Commission's response to the 'Stop Brussels' consultation is available in [English](#) and [Hungarian](#).

First Vice-President **Timmermans'** opening remarks in the Parliament debate are online [here](#).