

**Question for written answer E-007169/2014
to the Commission**
Rule 130
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Subject: Swiss breach of Directive 2005/36/EC

On 1 January 2014 a new law on mountain guides and organisers of other high-risk activities (*Ordonnance sur les guides de montagne et les organisateurs d'autres activités à risqué*, or *ORisque*) was enacted in Switzerland which directly breaches Directive 2005/36/EC, a directive with EEA relevance.

Since this new law has been enacted, the Swiss body responsible, the State Secretariat for Education, Research and Innovation (SERI), has refused to accept any foreign qualifications.

The Swiss Government now fails to recognise an internationally accepted qualification, that of the International Mountain Leader (IML), in breach of Article 3(1)(e) of the directive, which defines regulated education and training as 'any training which is specifically geared to the pursuit of a given profession and which comprises a course or courses complemented, where appropriate, by professional training, or probationary or professional practice'.

1. Is the Commission aware of this breach?
2. If so, what steps is it taking to address this situation?