

**Question for written answer E-010039/2014
to the Commission**

Rule 130

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Subject: Revision of the 'Blue Card' Directive

In May 2014, the Commission published a communication on the implementation of Directive 2009/50/EC on the conditions of entry and residence of third-country nationals for the purpose of highly qualified employment.

In this communication, the Commission highlighted not only significant deficiencies in the transposition of the Directive, but also the poor results and the very low adoption of the 'Blue Card' system by the Member States, despite there being a strong need in the EU for an effective policy aimed at attracting highly qualified migrants to help boost the economic growth and competitiveness of the EU.

In his Political Guidelines for the next European Commission, published in July 2014, the President of the Commission stated that he intended 'to review the "Blue Card" legislation and its unsatisfactory state of implementation'.

1. In light of the above, can the Commission specify whether it intends to submit a revision of this Directive in the near future, and if so, what this revision will entail and when it will be implemented?
2. The communication also reveals that many Member States have national policies in place for achieving the same goal, which are therefore in direct competition with the European 'Blue Card' scheme. How does the Commission intend to act in order to bring these rival systems to an end?