

**Question for written answer E-010609/2014
to the Commission**

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Subject: Legislation on immigration in Germany and the United Kingdom

We learnt just a few days ago that the British Government plans to impose extremely severe restrictions on EU citizens who wish to work in the United Kingdom. Mr Cameron's proposals include EU citizens being given a period of six months in which to find work, after which they must leave the country, a four-year residency requirement for certain welfare allowances and restrictions to the right of family reunification.

These proposals are similar to those being planned for months now by the German Government, a country in which 135 000 Spaniards reside, 16 160 of them from my autonomous community, Galicia.

The weakest are being asked to shoulder the impact of the crisis. But the benefits these young and healthy, generally speaking, new members of the public bring far outweigh their costs, as is clear from comparing tax receipts with the welfare benefits they might receive.

Does the Commission consider that these proposals comply with EU legislation, with European Court of Justice case-law (the Dano case) and with the provisions laid down in the Treaty of the European Union on free movement and the principle of non-discrimination on grounds of nationality?