

**Question for written answer E-000038/2015
to the Commission**

Rule 130

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Subject: Age discrimination in entry into public service in the Valencian Community. Possible infringement of Directive 200/78/EC

Law No 6/1999 of the Government of Valencia, as amended in 2011, lays down an age limit of 36 for entry into the local police. This requirement constitutes age discrimination, which the Court of Justice of the European Union has considered disproportionate in other cases (C-416/13). In 2011 the Spanish Supreme Court overturned the age limit of 30 for entry into the National Police Force, finding that it was discriminatory, on the same grounds as the European court.

In view of the fact that these events constitute age discrimination contrary to CFREU and to Directive 200/78/EC, and that both the European and the Spanish courts have declared that its existence is unjustified, I would like to ask the Commission:

1. Does the Commission consider that the said requirement, laid down in Law No 6/1999 of the Government of Valencia, infringes Directive 200/78/EC?
2. If so, what actions will the Commission take as a result of such infringement?
3. Will the Commission encourage the Spanish government to intercede, within its powers, to eliminate age-related requirements of this kind for entry into public service?