

**Question for written answer E-000640/2015
to the Commission**
Rule 130
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Subject: Freedom of movement and compulsory school attendance

Freedom of movement of people is a fundamental freedom in the EU. Compulsory school attendance is currently guaranteed in all Member States, but supervision of school attendance usually stops when children move to another Member State. Pursuant to Article 165 of the TFEU, 'the Union shall contribute to the development of quality education by encouraging cooperation between Member States'. According to information published on the website of DG EAC, the DG's primary focus in the area of education is to help Member States to build a coherent education policy. The education ministers of the Member States have identified the need to ensure basic literacy in reading and writing for all children as one of their priorities in the area of cooperation in education policy.

Does the EU have information on which Member States are monitoring compliance with compulsory school attendance among both their citizens and citizens of other Member States residing in that particular Member State? If so, how are they doing this? Can the EU say what tools the Member States are using to ensure compliance with compulsory school attendance? Does the EU have information on how Member States – that is, both countries of origin and host countries – monitor compliance with compulsory school attendance in cases where children migrate to another Member State?