

**Question for written answer E-001381/2015
to the Commission**
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Subject: The issue of internal competition in EU institutions for Croatian citizens

According to established practice, one of the legitimate ways of employment in EU institutions are internal competitions. Such competitions are only open to existing temporary employees in an institution (temporary agents), and the result is to transform temporary contracts of successful employees into permanent ones. Such employment practice also existed during the last two rounds of EU enlargement. According to available information from interested Croatian citizens, EU institutions strictly refuse to offer the same opportunity to Croatian citizens who are temporarily working in them. This points to unequal treatment of Croatia and its citizens. As a consequence, Croatian citizens may remain under-represented in institutions in relation to the planned quota.

How will the European Commission address this inequality of interested Croatian citizens in relation to citizens of countries that joined the EU during the last two rounds of enlargement?