

**Question for written answer E-012103/2015  
to the Commission**

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Subject: Compulsory language tests for immigrants

During the deliberations of the EP Committee on Civil Liberties that took place on 16 July 2015 regarding the need for a comprehensive EU approach to migration, several co-rapporteurs of the working documents on solidarity took the view that immigrants should not be expelled solely for failure to pass the language tests they are required to sit in a number of Member States.

However, it is not possible for immigrants to become successfully integrated or assimilated without adequate proficiency in the language of the host Member State.

In view of this:

Is the Commission in favour of compulsory language tests in all Member States for immigrants seeking to obtain a residence permit?

Does the Commission not agree that Member States should have the right to deny entry to immigrants who refuse to learn the language of the country in which they are seeking to establish themselves?