

**Question for written answer E-013826/2015
to the Commission**
Rule 130
Inês Cristina Zuber (GUE/NGL)

Subject: Refusal to recognise qualifications in clinical psychology

We have been informed that a Portuguese citizen resident in Ireland was refused recognition of qualifications in clinical psychology by the Validation Unit of the Department of Health, the body responsible for regulating this profession in Ireland. The Portuguese citizen concerned holds a master's degree in clinical psychology and health from the Faculty of Psychology and Education Science at the University of Porto. The Irish Validation Unit took the view that this degree is equivalent only to a three-year bachelor's degree in Ireland. It might be pointed out that the Order of Psychologists, the Portuguese body responsible for recognising professional qualifications in psychology, lists the professional concerned as a member.

We consider this situation to be totally unjustifiable and in contravention of Directives 2005/36/EC and 2013/55/EU.

- Is the Commission aware of this situation or other similar situations – involving Portuguese clinical psychologists in Ireland – and what is its assessment?
- What steps have been or will be taken to recognise and respect the rights of these clinical psychologists who exercise their profession in Ireland?