

**Question for written answer E-015636/2015
to the Commission**
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Subject: Improving intra-EU labour mobility

Free movement of persons is at the core of the EU integration project. However, EU rules governing the freedom of movement of third-country nationals within the EU are very limited and do not allow the full potential of freedom of movement of foreign workers to be exercised.

Council Directive 2003/109/EC opens up the possibility for long-term residents to exercise the right of freedom of movement. However, while the possibility of intra-EU mobility for third-country nationals exists in EU law, the actual right to intra-EU mobility is awarded to limited categories of third-country nationals and under different regimes.

In addition, the EU migration directives that provide for mobility of third-country nationals leave significant areas of discretion to Member States. In view of the need to develop new rules for extending intra-EU mobility and considering the need to develop a more comprehensive EU labour migration policy and to overcome the effects of the economic crisis:

Does the Commission intend to conclude further mobility partnerships with third countries?

Does the Commission intend to enhance opportunities for third-country nationals to access the existing EURES network in order to enjoy wider access to job opportunities across the EU?