

**Question for written answer E-000462/2016/rev.1
to the Commission**
Rule 130
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Subject: Infringement proceedings against the Bulgarian agricultural land law

My constituent owns a small plot of land in the north of Bulgaria and, due to personal circumstances, must sell this property. However, because of legislation restricting land ownership, which conflicts with EU Law (as well as the Bulgarian Constitution, it can be argued), my constituent is unable to sell his land.

In March 2015 the Commission opened infringement procedures against Bulgaria (as well as Hungary, Lithuania and Slovakia) on investor restrictions for agricultural land.

Infringement procedures can take over two years to be resolved, which puts my constituent in an unfortunate situation in the meantime.

Is the Commission aware of any measures aimed to support citizens affected by cases of infringement, as the one described, while the Member State in question is going through the appropriate procedure?