

**Question for written answer E-002940/2016/rev.1  
to the Commission**  
Rule 130  
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Subject: Equal treatment among the Member States in the area of property policy

1. Has the Commission launched, during the past ten years, ex officio or as the result of a complaint, a comprehensive investigation into the legal provisions on property policy of those Member States which joined the EU before 2004, or would it do so on the basis of a request from MEPs or other legal entities?
2. What is the reason for the practice whereby the Commission launched a 'comprehensive investigation' concerning property policy for the first time against Hungary as a result of a complaint submitted by the Republic of Austria and then extended this to all Member States which joined the EU in or after 2004 and for which the property policy derogation period expired precisely at the time when the investigation began?
3. How many complaints has the Commission received in the past ten years relating to the property policy rules of the Republic of Austria (prior to the judgment in the Ospelt case) and the other Member States which joined the EU before 2004?