

Question for written answer E-003749/2016
to the Commission
Rule 130
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Subject: Problems with the recognition of legally established relationships

I recently received reports that EU citizens are encountering problems with the recognition, by other Member States, of legally established relationships, for example non-marital unions. This would, for instance, occur in cases where one of the two partners does not have the nationality of the country in which the cohabitation contract was signed. The person in question would experience difficulties in having the contract recognised in their own Member State.

1. Is the Commission aware of such problems?
2. Which concrete measures has the Commission already taken in the past to avoid such problems?
3. Which additional actions will the Commission undertake should the circumstances require it?