

**Question for written answer E-008080/2016
to the Commission**
Rule 130
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Subject: Home schooling

In recent years, in several EU Member States, children who cannot attend mainstream schools or who prefer an alternative mode of education have opted for 'home schooling'. Home schooling follows mainstream educational syllabuses and handbooks, and in most cases is delivered online.

Parents can register their children online with any primary or secondary school in the EU, irrespective of their country of residence.

Does the Commission have any statistics on the number of children who use this system?

To what extent is this system an alternative, in particular for children whose parents move periodically for work?

To what extent are the qualifications obtained on completion of a teaching cycle in this system recognised as equivalent by other Member States?