

**Question for written answer E-008086/2016
to the Commission**

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Subject: EU Blue Card Directive and national systems for the admission of highly skilled workers

The European Parliament and the Council are currently working on the proposal for a directive on the conditions of entry and residence of third-country nationals for the purposes of highly skilled employment (the 'EU Blue Card'). It should make it easier to admit highly skilled workers who are third country residents along with members of their families, and simplify the procedures for issuing permits. However, it raises fears among many Member States because it affects the sensitive area of the internal labour market, the conferring of professional qualifications, and other competences of the Member States.

With this in mind, how will the Commission address these concerns, and would the Commission be willing to accept a flexible solution, namely the coexistence of a European system for the admission of workers and parallel national systems?