

**Question for written answer E-005896/2017
to the Commission**

Rule 130

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Subject: Mobility in Europe of French nationals exercising regulated professions

The freedom to choose an occupation is a fundamental right.

Since 1997, national authorities in European countries have turned down only 5% of applications from people with a qualification acquired in France seeking to exercise a regulated profession in another EU country, Norway or Switzerland¹.

1. How many applications from people with French qualifications were turned down in 2016?
2. What were the three reasons most frequently given in 2016 for turning down applications from people in the 10 regulated professions with the highest rejection levels?
3. What was the corresponding situation in 2005, the year when the previous version of the EU directive governing regulated professions was adopted²?

¹ <http://ec.europa.eu/growth/tools-databases/regprof/index.cfm>

² Directive 2005/36/EC of the European Parliament and of the Council of 7 September 2005 on the recognition of professional qualifications