

**Question for written answer E-007218/2017/rev.1  
to the Commission**

Rule 130

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Subject: British temporary and contract staff being kept on by the Commission despite Brexit

The rule is clear: you must be a national of an EU Member State to be recruited or to work for the Commission and the agencies<sup>1</sup>. However, EU agencies and the Commission have continued to recruit British nationals in 2017 despite the triggering of Brexit in March 2017. Union Syndicale, a trade union for Eurocrats, even claims that Mr Oettinger, the Commissioner responsible for the Budget and Human Resources, undertook in July 2017 to allow British nationals already employed, even under a temporary contract, to remain indefinitely after Brexit, without needing to acquire the nationality of another Member State. Is it dishonourable to require French, German or Belgian nationality? For a British Eurocrat, it seems the answer is yes.

- How many British staff members are affected by this extraordinary measure?
- Apart from the British, how many temporary and contract staff members had to leave the Commission and EU agencies in 2016?

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<sup>1</sup> Articles 47 and 119 of the Conditions of Employment of Other Servants of the European Union state that their employment is terminated when they no longer fulfil the conditions laid down in Article 12(2)(a) (i.e. being a national of Member State).