

**Question for written answer E-007353/2017  
to the Commission**

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Subject: Access to the Visa Information System for Romania and Bulgaria and the risk of social dumping

The report on the Schengen acquis provisions relating to the Visa Information System in Bulgaria and Romania, which was adopted by Parliament in October 2017, aims to allow the two countries to access the Visa Information System (VIS). Since the report is a necessary stage for the future integration of Romania and Bulgaria into the Schengen area, asking about the risk of increased social dumping in western countries would seem justified.

- Does the Commission not think that, if these two countries, where labour costs are very low, join the Schengen area, it might lead to an increase in the number of under-paid workers in western countries?
- Does it not think that, if they join the Schengen area, there will be an increase in unfair competition towards people in the most developed Member States and in the level of social dumping in Western Europe?