

Question for written answer E-007781/2017
to the Commission
Rule 130
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Subject: Transferability of social contributions

The free movement of people, goods and services within the European Union also implies the possibility of people using social services in a Member State other than the one of which they are nationals. Such a possibility would be advantageous for users of social services, who would have a wider choice, especially if they require specialised services which may not be available in every Member State. Moreover, some Member States are struggling with shortages of places in social service facilities. Promoting mobility in this area would help compensate for the shortage of places in such facilities. However, in many cases people who rely on the care provided by social service facilities do not have enough financial resources of their own to cover the fees. Although their Member States often provide contributions to help them cover some of their costs, these contributions are not transferable to other Member States.

In this connection:

Is the Commission planning to link up the systems for contributions to the costs of placing people in social service facilities in the Member States so that a person's country of citizenship would provide financial contributions for the placement of that person in a social service facility in any other Member State? If so, in what time frame?