

**Question for written answer E-003551/2018
to the Commission**
Rule 130
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Subject: Equal opportunities

Last week, the newspaper *Cinco Días*¹ published an article stating that the Commission has drafted a report warning of the risk of a chronic geographical imbalance in its staff makeup. According to this article, the Commission is planning on announcing measures to limit the presence of certain nationalities on the Institution's reserve lists. One of the basic principles of the EU is equal opportunities, which guarantees every EU citizen the right to take part freely in open competitions for a position working at the European institutions. Given that the free movement of people is one of the foundations of the EU:

Could the Commission clarify whether it is preparing to adopt measures to limit the presence of certain nationalities on the reserve lists?

What measures does it plan on taking within its remit to guarantee European citizens equal access to positions at EU institutions?

If this report does indeed exist, does the Commission believe that the fundamental rights of citizens belonging to nationalities banned from accessing these positions are being violated?

¹ https://cincodias.elpais.com/cincodias/2018/06/20/midinero/1529487168_488684.html