

**Question for written answer E-006318/2018  
to the Commission**

Rule 130

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Subject: Commission recruiting staff based on knowledge of Arabic

The European Centre for Disease Prevention and Control (ECDC) in Stockholm (Sweden) has published a vacancy notice for an international relations officer.

Bizarrely, command of Arabic or Russian are included among the selection criteria at the same level as French<sup>1</sup>.

'We have also identified experiences and skills that are advantageous for this post. These are: Advanced command of French, Arabic and/or Russian (i.e. B2 level according to the Common European Framework of Reference for Languages)<sup>2</sup>.

Does the Commission consider it normal for staff of the European institutions to be recruited on the basis of their ability to speak non-European languages?

Will the ECDC give priority to French over Arabic or Russian?

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<sup>1</sup> <https://ecdc.europa.eu/sites/portal/files/documents/vacancy-international-relations-officer-2018-EN.pdf>

<sup>2</sup> B2 means being able to speak and write the language correctly.