

**Question for written answer E-000309/2019
to the Commission**
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Subject: Renationalisation of CTT - Correios de Portugal

A postal service is essential for any economy. In Portugal, CTT – Correios de Portugal (Postal Services of Portugal) was privatised in 2014. Since then it has dismissed hundreds of workers (360) and closed down 53 post offices, leaving 48 municipalities completely without customer service (there are 308 municipalities in Portugal).

Meanwhile the company obtained a banking licence and set up Banco CTT, redirecting human and financial resources into its new line of business. The postal service has got even worse.

This situation has prompted widespread public discontent, and the remedy being called for is renationalisation.

What is the Commission's assessment of this case? Is there any study on the liberalisation of postal services and its impact on the quality of service and universal public access?

What would be the implications of the banking licence if the CTT Group were to be nationalised in order to restore the postal service to the necessary public control, given that it is a key public service?