

Question for written answer E-001595/2019
to the Commission
Rule 130
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Subject: Discrimination against EU citizens and cross-border commuters with non-Italian number plates

The Italian Government has issued a decree banning people residing in Italy from driving cars that do not carry an Italian number plate. Cross-border commuters and dual residents are the hardest hit by the new rules. Moreover, if a resident of Austria drives to South Tyrol in Italy to visit their relatives, for example, any family members who are resident in South Tyrol are not allowed to drive their car. In the event of an infringement, the car in question would be confiscated and high fines imposed.

Is the abovementioned decree consistent with EU law?

Does punishing cross-border commuters and dual residents in this way not go against the spirit of the European unification process?

Will the Commission object to the Italian government's decree?