Question for written answer E-003575/2019 to the Commission Rule 138 Jude Kirton-Darling (S&D)

Subject: Discrimination against the foreign language teaching staff of Italian universities

In the context of its infringement proceedings (Pilot 2079/11/EMPL) against Italy for its continuing discrimination against the foreign language teaching staff of Italian universities, will the Commission:

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Commit to withholding funds from Italian universities which refuse to award foreign language teachers their full rights under EU law?

Confirm that the latest ruling of the Court on this matter, Case C-119/04, grants the foreign language teaching staff of Italian universities a legal right to have their acquired rights reinstated based on the pay scale for a 'ricercatore a tempo definito' (researcher with a temporary contract), and that Italian universities cannot make this legal right negotiable in future contracts?

Insist that foreign language teachers be allowed to represent themselves in labour negotiations with universities, taking into consideration the anomaly whereby associations of foreign language teachers are not allowed take part in labour negotiations on the incorporation of rulings of the Court of Justice in their favour into the terms of local contracts?