

**Question for written answer P-007565/2015
to the Commission**
Rule 130
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Subject: Cross-border traffic offences

I have recently been contacted by a constituent who, whilst driving in Germany, allegedly drove in excess of the speed limit and received a ticket through the post in England. My constituent wishes to contest this, but is unable to ascertain the legal situation in Germany or the potential consequences if convicted by a German court.

In light of the recent European Parliament vote in February 2015, such cases are likely to become more frequent. What safeguards are available to prevent those with a valid legal defence from being convicted because they cannot travel abroad to court and lack the appropriate local legal representation?