

**Question for written answer P-012319/2015
to the Commission**
Rule 130
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Subject: Access to national social security for recognised refugees

Article 29 of Directive 2011/95/EU of the European Parliament and of the Council (the revised Qualification Directive) stipulates that EU Member States must ensure that beneficiaries of international protection receive, in the Member State that has granted such protection, the necessary social assistance as provided to nationals of that Member State.

1. Do Member States have any scope to assign refugees a social security status different to that of their own nationals, and if so, how can this be done?
2. In this context, can Member States apply a system under which only refugees are required to perform compulsory community service in exchange for access to certain social security benefits?
3. What additional measures, including legislative initiatives and amendments, is the Commission planning in order to accommodate the wishes of the Member States in this context?