

WRITTEN QUESTION E-1893/00
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to the Council

Subject: Public services

Under the Portuguese Presidency, the Council decided to speed up the liberalisation of public services, a decision which was undoubtedly taken on the basis of studies of the impact of such liberalisation on employment and social cohesion.

Given that not all Member States have even set up regulatory bodies in the various sectors, can the Council tell me whether the Union is in a position to guarantee:

- that no one will be deprived of public services;
- that there will not be undue amalgamation, to the detriment of consumers and certain Member States;
- that jobs will not be sacrificed in the name of investors' interests?