

WRITTEN QUESTION E-1783/01
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to the Commission

Subject: Vocational training courses

The Balearic Islands Regional Government has announced training courses for the period running from October 2001 to October 2002. The courses will be financed by means of EU Objective 3 funds.

The regional minister responsible has indicated that the courses may be attended by immigrants who lack work and residence permits, although they will have had to submit an application with a view to regularising their situation.

1. Is it possible for vocational training courses subsidised by the EU to be open to immigrants who have no work and residence permit, even if they have submitted an application for regularisation which has not yet been approved?
2. Is there any heading under which funds can be made available to immigrants who have not legally regularised as to their situation?