

WRITTEN QUESTION E-2956/01
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to the Council

Subject: Belgian system for dealing with the free movement of labour

1. Is the Council President aware of the problems EU citizens encounter with the Belgian administration when registering their arrival to take up residence and in obtaining ID papers, and in particular the long waiting times, the need to send several reminders to obtain answers from the authorities of the municipalities to which they have moved, and the issue of one temporary ID card after another before an ID card proper is finally issued?
2. Does the Council consider such a system to be appropriate for a country like Belgium, which is host to international organisations such as NATO and the European Union?
3. Will Belgium take steps to improve this system?