

WRITTEN QUESTION E-2435/02
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to the Commission

Subject: Varying age limits for appointment to and exercise of the profession of notary in the EU

1. In view of the principle of equal rights, how does the Commission view the fact that varying national provisions are in force in the EU Member States with regard to age limits for appointment to and exercise of the profession of notary?
2. Is it aware that, in the Netherlands and in Belgium, for example, there are no age limits for notaries, while an age limit of 70 is to be introduced in Germany? What rules are in force in other EU Member States?
3. Has consideration been given to how this unequal treatment should be combated in the internal market, or have decisions already been taken on the subject?