

WRITTEN QUESTION E-1343/03
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to the Commission

Subject: Follow-up to question on the assessment of Directive 96/71/EC

On 11 March 2003 the Commission replied to my question P-0457/03¹. The answer given was incomplete, as I had asked about practical problems, whilst the Commission replied that there were no specific 'legal' problems. The Commission also referred to a group of experts without stating that these were national officials.

1. Does the Commission recognise that the answer was incomplete, as it did not go into practical problems experienced with Directive 96/71/EC², in particular in the building sector?
2. Why has it not taken stock of the situation among those affected outside the public sector?
3. Is it prepared to take account, in the assessment, of the experience of those affected, in particular in the building sector?
4. Is it conscious of the fact that the European Union is a union of citizens and of Member States, not just of Member States, and that, where citizens are directly confronted with the consequences of a directive, they should also be heard directly?

¹ OJ C

² OJ L 18, 21.1.1997, p. 1