

WRITTEN QUESTION E-1178/04
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to the Commission

Subject: Equal employment and training opportunities for European citizens across the Community

Can the Commission advise on the legality, under European law, of a decision made by a French medical facility, the Maison Médicale Jeanne Garnier, to dismiss a long-standing Irish employee (head nurse) following an accident at work, and to refuse her further training opportunities at the École des Cadres, while granting the exact same training, with full pay, to a French colleague who was also recovering from an accident?

A ruling of the French courts in February 2004 found the director of the facility in question guilty of unfair dismissal on the grounds of nationality and of age. What provisions exist under EU law to safeguard the rights of European citizens working in Member States other than their own and to ensure they receive the same treatment as citizens of the Member State?