

WRITTEN QUESTION E-1362/04
by Camilo Nogueira Román (Verts/ALE)
to the Commission

Subject: Emigration of graduates and professionals

In Objective 1 regions which have the educational resources required to train the professionals needed for the knowledge economy and have relatively good infrastructures, the lack of sufficient initiatives for the creation of productive employment is giving rise to dangerously high levels of migration of workers, especially graduates and professionals, to more developed regions. The result is a form of labour mobility which encourages not development but backwardness. This is happening in regions such as Galicia.

Will the Commission take the political, legislative and financial measures needed to orientate cohesion policy efforts in the Objective 1 regions towards establishing new economic activities and undertakings, rather than encouraging a geographical mobility which, viewed as a collective policy, serves mainly to perpetuate inequalities between more and less developed regions and economic stagnation in the latter?