

WRITTEN QUESTION E-3174/07  
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to the Commission

Subject: Internal market in insurance

The EU is currently working towards a more consumer-oriented insurance market. For Europe's insurance market a higher level of clarification will be welcomed. What is particularly important is the demarcation line between national and private insurance, as well as the right to provide insurance services throughout the EU.

A well-functioning insurance market is an important part of the internal market and it supports the EU's ambition to ensure free movement of capital and services. It is also important for promoting the free movement of labour, which is sometimes inhibited by a lack of clarity and trust in the insurance systems for cross-border workers.

Is it the Commission's view that individual health-related insurance schemes are – in principle – part of the free movement of services?

Does the Commission agree that it is important that work-related and rehabilitation insurances are consumer-oriented and based on common market principles?