

WRITTEN QUESTION E-3558/07
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Subject: Migrant border workers' pensions

Although there are numerous European rules aimed at removing national legislative obstacles to mobility and free movement of people, certain categories of workers are still discriminated against with regard to the calculation of pensions. Has the Commission conducted a study in order to ascertain whether workers who have spent part of their career in another Member State are treated equally and not discriminated against in relation to those who remained in their native countries? How does the Commission intend to coordinate the different national legislations concerning the payment of retirement pensions? Could the Commission not envisage a reduced reference period, proportional to the actual length of time worked in the native country?