

WRITTEN QUESTION E-0036/08

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to the Commission

Subject: Notice of vacancy COM/2007/3160 - COMM/B/RO/MI

It would appear that applications submitted in response to the above notice by candidates from other institutions were not taken into consideration, in accordance with Decision C(2006)6439, which set an EUR 10 recruitment target per Directorate-General for the period 2004-2007. The Appointing Authority therefore decided to block all recruitments of successful candidates from EUR 15 competitions or EUR 15 interinstitutional transfers for Directorates-General which had not met their targets. Under these circumstances, DG COMM apparently did not take into consideration applications from other institutions for the post concerned because it would not have been able to secure the applicants' transfer to the Commission. It should be noted that decision 6439 was dated in 2006, i.e. it preceded vacancy notice 3160 (also applicable to interinstitutional transfers), which was posted in 2007.

1. Will the Commission confirm this?
2. If this is the case, why did the notice of vacancy not indicate that only EUR 10 applicants would be admissible?
3. As regards the Italian vacancies, does the Commission agree that, even though the possibility, however remote, of an EUR 10 candidate being accepted cannot be ruled out, it would have been simple to find someone who had a perfect knowledge of Italian and fully met all the criteria laid down in the notice, in particular with regard to a perfect knowledge of the media, the Italian political situation, etc.?
4. Is it normal that some applicants were able to attend an interview, in compliance with established procedures, and others were never invited?
5. Is it normal for interinstitutional applications not to be taken into consideration when they were submitted according to the rules set out in the notice of vacancy?