

WRITTEN QUESTION E-3316/08
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to the Commission

Subject: Abolition of the Eurojus Adviser post

The Commission recently decided, at very short notice, to discontinue the position of Eurojus Adviser (part of the Eurojus network), for financial reasons. This would mean the loss of one aspect of closeness to citizens and one of the direct actions of the Commission 'at grassroots level'.

In the past, citizens wanting to move house, work or marry within the EU who had legal questions on this could receive information, free of charge, from the adviser anywhere in Germany. The service was used extensively, as can be seen from the adviser's report.

On what basis did the Commission decide to terminate this service, which is clearly citizen-friendly?

How can the Commission's decision be reversed so as to retain this central advisory function, which contributes to an EU which is close to citizens and is of local benefit to the work of the European institutions?

Alternatively, what replacement is the Commission planning for the citizens of Europe?