

**Question for written answer E-008409/2011
to the Commission**
Rule 117
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Subject: Spanish employment market restrictions affecting certain communities

On 11 August 2011, the Commission acceded to a request by Spain to restrict until 31 December 2012 further access for Romanian workers to its employment market because of the serious disruptions affecting it.

The slump in the Cypriot construction sector, one of the pillars of that country's economic development, has continued into 2011, resulting in further layoffs and a substantial increase in unemployment figures. According to the Cypriot Statistics Office, the number of unemployed in the construction sector rose to 4 278 in 2011 compared with 902 in 2008.

In view of this:

- If Cyprus makes an application similar to that submitted by Spain, is it possible that similar restrictions may apply exclusively to the construction sector in Cyprus?