

**Question for written answer E-005650/2013  
to the Commission**  
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Subject: Conditions of entry and residence of third-country nationals for the purposes of highly qualified employment

With Directive 2009/50/EC introducing the 'Blue Card', the European Union made an attempt to attract and retain highly qualified third-country workers with a view to developing its international competitiveness.

In order to move from one EU country to another, highly skilled non-EU nationals have to restart the process of obtaining a Blue Card. This situation can be seen as an obstacle by future workers and can negatively influence the creation of a real pole of attraction for highly qualified workers.

- What measures does the Commission intend to take in order to facilitate the intra-European mobility of highly qualified workers from non-EU countries?
- Is the Commission envisaging taking any action for the creation in the future of an EU-wide Blue Card?