

**Question for written answer E-010598/2013  
to the Commission**

Rule 117

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Subject: International child abduction - application of EU and international law in Slovakia

The European Parliament Mediator for International Parental Child Abductions is increasingly receiving requests from parents, of various nationalities, relating to cases of child abduction or detention in Slovakia.

Non-Slovak parents complain that they have great difficulty getting the competent Slovak authorities to properly implement Regulation (EC) No 2201/2003 – Brussels II and that it takes a very long time to have judgments from other Member States, concerning children of binational couples, recognised and enforced in Slovakia.

The enforcement in Slovakia of judgments ordering the return of children to other Member States often runs into practical difficulties, actually hindering enforcement, thus making the whole procedure followed pursuant to Regulation (EC) No 2201/2003 – Brussels II a waste of time.

Likewise, some parents complain that the competent Slovak authorities do not properly implement the Hague Convention of 25 October 1980 on the civil aspects of international child abduction, specifically with regard to the need for 'special' conditions not provided for by the convention to order the return of the child to their habitual residence in another Member State.

1. Is Slovakia's proper implementation of Regulation (EC) No 2201/2003 – Brussels II, including the times taken for children to be returned, being monitored at EU level?
2. Does the Commission have any recent statistics on Slovakia's implementation of Regulation (EC) No 2201/2003 – Brussels II, as regards children being returned?
3. If necessary, what action will it take to call on the Slovak authorities to properly implement EU law in force and to speed up the times taken to return children from that country?