

**Question for written answer E-000183/2014
to the Commission**

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Subject: More and more Europeans are being expelled from Belgium

An increasing number of citizens of the EU Member States are being expelled from Belgium, even after a long stay in the country, due to the pressure they allegedly put on the Belgian welfare system.

Expulsions of European citizens have dramatically increased in the last three years. In 2010, 343 citizens of EU Member States were expelled from Belgium, in 2011 their number grew to 989, and in 2012 it doubled, reaching 1 918. In the first nine months of 2013, another 1 130 European citizens were expelled.

In this context:

1. What is the Commission's opinion regarding the actions of the Belgian government?
2. Is the Commission envisaging proposals to amend Directive 2004/38/EC of 29 April 2004 on the right of citizens of the Union and their family members to move and reside freely within the territory of the Member States?