

**Question for written answer E-001521/2014
to the Commission**

Rule 117

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Subject: Basic payment accounts for all

MEPs have recently approved draft legislation whereby applicants wishing to open a basic bank account do not face discrimination on the basis of their nationality or place of permanent residence. European consumers should be able to open a payment account without being resident in the country where the provider of payment services is based. Furthermore, clients should be able to open an account regardless of their financial situation.

What is the Commission's stand on this issue?