

**Question for written answer E-002382/2014/rev.1
to the Commission**
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Subject: Irish law and compliance with European law

The Republic of Ireland has published a thematic series of laws in recent years which call into question the accepted Community position on competition and freedom of movement.

The *Building Control Act 2007* has for example been recognised by the European ombudsman as being contrary to European law on competition, freedom of establishment and freedom of movement of European workers.

A new law, the *Building Control Regulation 2013*, will come into force in Ireland from March 2014. In the same way as the *Building Control Act 2007*, this law appears to infringe the freedom of movement of Europeans, as it provides for only three groups of professionals to be authorised to certify compliance with building regulations in Ireland.

Is the Commission thinking of giving broader consideration to community preference?