

Question for written answer E-004019/2014
to the Commission
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Subject: On under-representation of nationals of new Member States among officials in EU institutions

This year we mark the tenth anniversary of the accession of Poland and nine other countries to the European Union. One of the conditions for this phase of enlargement, as well as for the subsequent accessions of three other countries, was the introduction of employment quotas for EU officials. These are aimed at ensuring that an appropriate proportion of the staff of the EU institutions is made up of representatives of the new Member States.

Given the above, I would like to put the following questions:

1. What steps have been taken thus far to appropriately fill the quotas for officials from the new Member States at all levels, with particular reference to senior management positions?
2. Why is it that in some departments – notably the Directorate-General for Internal Market and Services, which is particularly important for the Community's economic integration and social cohesion – there are currently no representatives of the new Member States in senior positions, while countries such as the United Kingdom, Italy and Belgium have two representatives each?
3. What steps does the Commission plan to take in order to remedy this situation, which is disadvantageous to Poland and the other Member States that joined the EU after 2004?