

**Question for written answer E-005159/2014
to the Commission**
Rule 117
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Subject: EU medical graduates who specialised in Italy between 1982 and 1992

EU medical graduates who enrolled on various specialisation courses in Italy between 1982 and 1992 did not receive any form of remuneration from the Italian State during their training.

The qualifications awarded to these doctors in Italy during the period referred to above are not recognised everywhere in the EU, which infringes Community regulations, European treaties and the case-law of the European Court of Justice (Article 53 TFEU, Article 4(3) TEU, Case C-71/76).

The European Court of Justice has already found against the Italian Republic in its judgment of 7 July 1987 (Case C-49/86), declaring that it failed to fulfil its obligations in this field under the EC Treaty.

Italy failed to remedy this situation when adopting Legislative Decree No 257/1991 as its provisions only cover doctors admitted to specialist medical colleges from 1992 onwards.

The European Court of Justice again found against the Italian Republic in its judgment of 25 February 1999 (Case C-131/97) in which it ruled that all doctors enrolled at specialist medical colleges in the academic years 1983 to 1991 were entitled to remuneration. The Court's findings were the same in its judgment of 3 October 2000 (Case C-371/97).

Directive 82/76/EEC – and subsequently Directive 93/16/EEC – introduced the notion of 'appropriate remuneration', to which doctors who specialised at various specialist medical colleges are entitled.

In the light of the above, does the Commission not feel it necessary and fitting to take all the appropriate steps to ensure prompt compliance by the Italian Republic with the regulations in this field – i.e. to ensure that the rights of freedom of establishment (Article 49 TFEU), the recognition of professional qualifications (Directive 2005/36/EEC) and the financial entitlements of EU medical graduates who specialised in Italy between 1982 and 1992 are respected?