

**Question for written answer E-003836/2016/rev.1
to the Commission**
Rule 130
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Subject: Confiscation by the Municipality of Padua of money obtained by begging

Article 10 of Padua Municipal Council Decision No 63 of 29 September 2014, which lays down city policing regulations, prohibits begging in the city. Anyone found to have infringed this rule is fined EUR 100 and the money that they have obtained by begging is confiscated.

In the light of Article 151 and Article 153(h) and (j) TFEU, the Commission communication entitled 'The European Platform against Poverty and Social Exclusion' (SEC(2010)1564), the Commission communication entitled 'Towards Social investment for Growth and Cohesion – including implementing the European Social Fund 2014-2020' (COM(2013)0083) and the proposal for a Council directive on implementing the principle of equal treatment between persons (COM(2008)0426), does the Commission believe that confiscating money obtained by begging is compatible with the EU objectives of fighting discrimination and preventing social exclusion and is an appropriate way to achieve these objectives?