

**Question for written answer E-006442/2018
to the Commission**
Rule 130
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Subject: European Union citizens' settled status

The Brexit Withdrawal Agreement commits the UK to allowing some qualifying EU citizens already living in the UK to stay after the end of the transition period. Last July, the UK Government announced details of the settlement scheme that EU citizens resident in the UK will have to apply for to remain in the UK, and rolled out a pilot scheme in the North West of England.

1. Has the Commission reviewed the information available about settled status and considered whether it is in keeping with the Withdrawal Agreement?
2. As victims of trafficking and other vulnerable migrants will have to pay to stay in the UK, does the Commission view elements of the scheme as problematic regarding their ability to stay in the UK?
3. The rights guaranteed by settled status will have to be in place for the lifetime of those migrants currently living in the UK. How will the EU continue to regulate and ensure that the UK is upholding its agreement regarding EU citizens in the UK, particularly if the UK deports EU citizens after the transition period, and will the EU offer support to those citizens to reintegrate them back into their home countries?