

Question for written answer E-001934/2019
to the Commission
Rule 130
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Subject: Compatibility of Austria's university appointment procedure with European law

Austria's University Act, Higher Education Study Act and Private Universities Act do not provide for any special means of redress for candidates in the appointment procedure for professorships which would enable them to seek a judicial review of any shortcomings. As a matter of principle, professorships have to be advertised throughout the Union.

1. Are the rules on appointment procedures for professors under Austria's University Act, Higher Education Study Act and Private Universities Act compatible with EU law, in particular with reference to the free movement of persons?
2. What view does the Commission take of the fact that, since the revision of the Austrian University Act in 2002, the entire appointment procedure appears evidently to have been classified as a civil-law procedure, even if the university concerned is a public body, and does this classification unjustifiably limit the scope to seek redress against the conduct of individual parts of the appointment procedure?