

**Question for written answer E-003517/2019
to the Commission**
Rule 138
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Subject: CJEU ruling on fee schedule for architects and engineers in Germany (HOAI)

According to a ruling of the Court of Justice of the European Union (CJEU) of 4 July 2019, the compulsory tariffs for the planning services of architects and engineers contravene the EU Services Directive¹.

This jeopardises the professional standing of architects and engineers as well as the economic survival of the professions.

In this context, I would like the Commission to answer the following questions:

German consumers expect optimum quality standards in the construction sector. The minimum rates laid down by the HOAI ensured that architects and engineers could maintain such standards. What action will the Commission take to uphold quality standards in the public construction sector once the minimum rates laid down by the HOAI no longer apply?

How will it be possible in future to guarantee that competition in this sector is based on quality and not price, which would be disastrous?

¹ <https://www.spiegel.de/karriere/architekten-und-ingenieure-was-bedeutet-das-urteil-des-eugh-a-1275828.html>