

Question for written answer E-002787/2021
to the Commission
Rule 138
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Subject: EU citizens being detained and then deported from the UK

In the UK, a number of EU citizens, including many Italians, are being treated in a manner that is not in keeping with the standards of EU law. They are being stopped, deprived of their mobile phones, taken to detention cells and deported because of alleged administrative irregularities. They are often people who have gone to the UK for job interviews. This is in spite of the already restrictive UK regulations concerning the entry of EU citizens, which allow people to enter the country without visas if they have to attend job interviews.

1. How does the Commission intend to respond in order to defend EU citizens in the UK, which is in breach of international consular law and the treaties of the EU, to which the British Isles belonged until recently?
2. How does the Commission intend to prevent similar cases from happening again in the future and to ensure that there are no restrictions on individual freedoms for EU citizens travelling to the UK?