

Question for written answer E-002812/2021
to the Council
Rule 138
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Subject: Ban on European citizens entering the UK

There have been reports in the European press of European citizens of various nationalities being detained upon arrival in the United Kingdom.

They have been kept handcuffed, forced to sleep in campsites or overcrowded and unfit rooms and reportedly often denied access to medication.

The UK authorities assure EU citizens that they may 'continue to visit the UK, but those coming to work or study must meet our requirements and we ask them to confirm they have done so before travelling'.

'Brexit' has indubitably led to the end of the free movement of persons.

But it is also clear that that European citizens' minimum rights risk being breached.

1. Is the Council aware of these reports?
2. Will the Council, at its meeting next week, be willing to demand that the UK comply with the principle of non-discrimination between Member States and the rights of European citizens?