

**Question for written answer E-000173/2022/rev.1**  
**to the Commission**  
Rule 138  
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Subject: Breach of EU competition law

Since the UK left the EU, British businesses and individuals have been looking for and finding ways to continue their economic activity in the EU. They do it by involving missing traders, which gives them an unfair competitive advantage. According to Belgian regulations, companies offering security services must be owned by EU citizens and must be run from the European Economic Area. However, the company Port2Port LPC France, for example, which is registered in France, provides maritime security services to ships sailing under the Belgian flag, while its actual owners are UK citizens and it is run from Dubai, which means that they gain an unfair competitive advantage by not paying taxes and thus cause direct harm to EU businesses. Is the Commission aware of this issues? How can we guarantee the competitiveness of EU businesses in such circumstances?