

**Question for written answer E-001679/2022
to the Commission**

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Subject: The citizens' rights organisation British in Europe

In February 2022, the citizens' rights organisation British in Europe (BiE) announced that it would be disbanding, after advocating for the rights of UK nationals living in EU Member States for the past five years. While we understand that the Specialised Committee on Citizens' Rights is also monitoring issues relating to citizens' rights in both the UK and EU, it is concerning that the expertise and network of an organisation working to address issues for UK nationals across the 27 Member States is no longer able to operate in the EU owing to a lack of core funding.

We would therefore like to ask the Commission the following questions:

1. Has it been in contact with BiE representatives in relation to the group disbanding and is it aware of any funding options available to organisations advocating for citizens' rights after Brexit?
2. What alternatives exist for UK citizens facing problems related to the implementation of the Withdrawal Agreement in EU Member States?
3. How does the Commission intend to fill the gap in knowledge and advocacy in the EU left by the disbanding of BiE?