

**Question for written answer E-003598/2022
to the Commission**

Rule 138

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Subject: Commission investigation relating to cross-border commuters with non-Italian licence plates

In 2018, the Italian Government issued a decree prohibiting people residing in Italy from driving vehicles with licence plates from other EU Member States. This law has caused significant disruption among border communities, such as in South Tyrol.

On 1 April 2019, during the previous parliamentary term, MEP Josep-Maria Terricabras submitted a written question to Commissioner Moscovici regarding this issue (Written Question E-001595-19). Mr Moscovici replied that the Commission would conduct an in-depth examination and, if the Italian rule proved to be incompatible with EU law, the Commission would open an infringement procedure against Italy.

Since then, we have entered a new parliamentary term and there is a new Commission, which has had two years to examine the case. Furthermore, on 16 December 2021, the Court of Justice of the EU ruled that the measure constituted a restriction on the free movement of capital for the purpose of Article 63(1) of the Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union (Case C-274/20¹).

1. Can the Commission confirm whether it has taken over the investigation that Mr Moscovici referred to in 2019?
2. If so, has the investigation reached any conclusion?
3. Given the recent court case, does the Commission intend to open infringement proceedings against Italy?

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¹ OJ C 297, 7.9.2020, p. 31.