

**Question for written answer E-002977/2023  
to the Commission**

Rule 138

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Subject: Migration of the labour force from the Central European Member States

The free movement of workers and the right of EU citizens to the exercise of free movement are fundamental legal principles in EU law. Until the 2000s, the proportion of EU citizens working in other Member States was relatively low. This situation changed with the accession of the Central European states, posing significant challenges to those Member States.

1. Has the Commission calculated the proportion of individuals from the Member States that joined in the 2000s who were working in the 'old Member States', and the impact of this process on the economic growth of the Member States affected by this emigration, and what the resulting problems are for the financing of their pension systems?
2. Does the Commission plan to adopt measures, over and above the cohesion and structural funds, specifically in order to limit the above-mentioned damage to those Member States that are affected by emigration?
3. Does the Commission see any possibility for the Member States that are significantly affected by labour migration to receive financing from EU sources to take measures to improve their situation?

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