

**Question for written answer E-003610/2023
to the Commission**

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Subject: Commission's position on the restrictive measures imposed by the UK Government on EU workers

On 5 December 2023, the UK's Conservative government announced it was adopting new restrictive measures in the field of migration that will have adverse repercussions for EU citizens working or studying in the United Kingdom.

These decisions will directly impact, in particular, on lower-skilled EU workers and those working in the kinds of jobs predominantly filled by EU citizens from eastern European countries such as Romania.

The European Parliament considers abiding by the principle – established in EU texts – of sincere cooperation between the European Union and the United Kingdom as regards the free movement of EU citizens working in, or travelling or moving to the UK, established in EU texts, to be a priority.

It is essential to honour the right of residence in the UK under the Withdrawal Agreement after the end of the transition period, as well as the substantive conditions on free movement of EU citizens applicable under EU law up until the end of the transition period.

In this context, we would like to ask the following questions:

1. What is the Commission's position on the migration package proposed by the UK Government?
2. What measures is the Commission considering to protect the rights of EU citizens in the UK in the context of the debate on changes to their status and the conditions applicable to them?

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