

**Question for written answer E-000787/2024
to the Commission**
Rule 138
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Subject: Destitution of mobile EU citizens in Sweden

In Sweden, mobile EU citizens are asked to prove their right to stay in the country for at least one year to obtain a personal identification number ('personnummer'), which is necessary to exercise basic rights and access essential services. This requirement leads to many EU citizens being prevented from obtaining a registration certificate, contributing to destitution among those newcomers who cannot obtain year-long work contracts. In 2023, a solution to issue a 'coordination number' for those with job contracts shorter than one year was implemented, but in practice this has a much more limited scope than the personal identification number.

A complaint was submitted to the Commission in 2017 on this matter (CHAP(2017)03524)¹. The meeting of Parliament's Committee on Petitions (PETI) on 23 October 2023 discussed as many as thirteen petitions related to problems with issuing the 'personnummer' for mobile EU citizens².

1. Does the Commission acknowledge this is an additional requirement not set out in Directive 2004/38/EC³, hampering the right of mobile EU citizens to reside in Sweden?
2. Will the Commission start an investigation to make sure there are no breaches of EU law in Sweden's transposition of the abovementioned Directive?

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¹ <https://ecas.org/wp-content/uploads/2017/11/Complaint-executive-summary-FINAL-14.11.17.pdf>.

² https://www.europarl.europa.eu/doceo/document/PETI-PV-2023-10-23-1_EN.pdf.

³ Directive 2004/38/EC of 29 April 2004 on the right of citizens of the Union and their family members to move and reside freely within the territory of the Member States, OJ L 158, 30.4.2004, p. 77.