

ORAL QUESTION H-0983/08
for Question Time at the part-session in January 2009
pursuant to Rule 109 of the Rules of Procedure
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to the Commission

Subject: Opening up of 'closed' professions

In pursuit of the single market objective of the free movement of persons, goods and services, the Commission is encouraging the opening up of 'closed' professions in those Member States where they exist, which in general terms is a move in the right direction.

Are there cases in which the closed professions could remain so, provided they successfully serve society as a whole by providing services without creating problems? What are the possible negative repercussions of opening up some closed professions? Has the Commission carried out studies into the impact on local communities, particularly in regions with specific features (e.g. mountain and island regions, etc.)?

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