

WRITTEN QUESTION P-3010/01
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to the Commission

Subject: Identity card for European citizens residing in Belgium

According to the answer to written question P-2506/01¹ by Mr Speroni, Community law stipulates that EU citizens travelling to other Member States must be in possession of an identity card or passport.

However, the Belgian State refuses to issue identity cards to EU citizens who are resident in Belgium but not Belgian citizens, which means that they must carry their passports when they travel.

Can the Commission say whether this attitude on the part of Belgium is compatible with EU legislation and whether it does not consider it appropriate to draw up a directive harmonising the relevant laws of the Member States?

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