

WRITTEN QUESTION P-0531/03
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to the Commission

Subject: International participation licence for motor rallies in the EU

Thanks to the EU, sport at European level is characterised by considerable mobility, and, allowing for individuals' geographical circumstances, many people have improved opportunities of engaging in sporting activities or participating in competitions in a Member State other than their own.

Nonetheless, Galician or Portuguese individuals wishing to take part in motor rallies on either side of the border have discovered that, as of this year, they are obliged to pay an additional fee of approximately EUR 1500.

This obstacle, which does not exist for other sports, applies only to 'non-professional' participants, who may be presumed to be those who can least afford it.

Can the Commission state whether this practice is compatible with Community law on the free provision of services?

Does the Commission not consider this fee of EUR 1500 to be on the high side?