

WRITTEN QUESTION P-3414/03  
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to the Council

Subject: Estonia and directives on equal opportunities

It has come to my notice that Estonia has yet to transpose the EU directives on equal opportunities into national legislation. This would seem remarkable, particularly since the Commission publicly criticised the enlargement countries on 6 November for not meeting requirements ahead of EU accession. On that occasion, however, there was no mention of Estonia and the absence of legislation on equal opportunities.

Can the Council confirm that Estonia has not implemented the directives on equal opportunities?

Can the Council explain why it was not made a requirement for accession to the EU?

What action will the Council take?