

WRITTEN QUESTION P-0027/06
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to the Commission

Subject: European schools in Brussels

The European schools in Brussels are seriously overpopulated. The Board of Governors of the European schools, of which the Commission is a member, has proved unable to find feasible solutions to the problem, which would not even exist if it had been tackled in good time.

Decisions that either entail unacceptably long journeys for children or force families to move to areas nearer the new school in Laeken do not respect the basic right not to suffer discrimination with regard to children being educated in their own language.

In what way has the Commission, which takes part in the working parties of the Board of Governors, upheld the principle of non-discrimination? Did it perhaps analyse statistics regarding the distribution of the Italian community in the municipalities involved and the impact on families?

How will the Commission justify adopting a position when voting in the Board of Governors, even if it abstains, on a decision that constitutes a clear and serious instance of discrimination against the Italian community?