

WRITTEN QUESTION P-4237/08  
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to the Commission

Subject: Voting rights for EU citizens living in EU Member States other than the one of their nationality

Council Directive 93/109/EC<sup>1</sup> of 6 December 1993 **establishes** the right to vote in elections to the European Parliament for citizens of the Union residing in a Member State of which they are not nationals. This gives millions of EU citizens an important right and duty.

Yet many citizens who have exercised freedom of movement within the EU are not aware of this right and do not know how to register to vote in their country of residence.

Can the European Commission provide information, for each Member State, on how EU citizens resident in a Member State of which they are not nationals can register to vote in the European elections (in their country of residence), and when they need to do so in order to have the right to vote in the 2009 European elections?

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<sup>1</sup> OJ L 329, 30.12.1993, p. 34.