EU citizens who are subject to Swiss health insurance are facing an additional surcharge. The main victims of this practice are German workers from the border area who work in Switzerland. German workers working in Switzerland face the burden of surcharges for EU citizens, in addition to contributions to the Swiss health insurance system which are in any case higher than those in Germany. As a result, many German workers are finding themselves forced to move to Switzerland, so that German localities in the border area are suffering large-scale migration to Switzerland with all the negative effects that this has.

This practice is a breach of the agreement on freedom of movement signed between the European Union and Switzerland.

Consequently, the questions indicated below arise.

1. Does the Commission consider that the situation described constitutes discrimination against EU citizens?

2. Is the Commission considering taking action in this case and making Switzerland comply with the provisions of the agreement on freedom of movement?

3. Is the Commission aware that Switzerland intends to introduce universal freedom of choice with regard to hospitals for Swiss nationals, as well, this year? How should this be interpreted? Does it result in a new legal situation, since the main reason for the surcharge for EU citizens will now disappear?