

WRITTEN QUESTION P-0634/09
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to the Commission

Subject: Schengen area - continued restrictions on movement of EU workers and citizens in the internal market

The Czech Republic has been a member of the Schengen area for over a year now; amongst other things, this allows its citizens to cross internal borders without any kind of restrictions. During this time, however, there have been innumerable cases of citizens of the Czech Republic being subjected to passport checks or their vehicles targeted for roadside checks on the territory of Germany and Austria. The motto of the Czech Presidency of the Council is 'Europe without Barriers', but the reality unfortunately still falls far short of the slogan.

During the past year the European Commission has been asked several times about this matter, and not just by Czech Members of the European Parliament. All that we received in reply were rather vague remarks and there has been no improvement on the ground.

We therefore ask once more what specific action the Commission intends to take in order to ensure that Regulation (EC) No 562/2006¹ is not violated by certain Member States.

¹ OJ L 105, 13.4.2006, p. 1