

**Question for written answer P-001932/2011**  
**to the Commission**  
Rule 117  
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Subject: Transposition by France of the EU directive on the free movement of persons

In early February 2011, the inhabitants of the village of Kirrwiller in Alsace, France, received a letter, sent to them in error by the Gendarmerie, instructing them to look out for people from Eastern Europe arriving in the village and to report any such arrivals to the authorities.

The instruction, which was addressed to mayors, asked local authority representatives to 'raise public awareness, via municipal councils and public servants', so that people would report to the forces of law and order 'any suspect behaviour on the part of foreign nationals, particularly those from eastern countries and the Balkans (Romanians, Croatians, Serbians, Bulgarians, etc.)'. News of the instruction was reported widely in the French and Bulgarian media.

- Does the Commission intend to investigate the reports and to check whether the existence of such a letter may not constitute discriminatory treatment of EU citizens on the basis of nationality? Such discrimination would be unacceptable and would be in breach of numerous EU texts including the Lisbon Treaty and the Charter of Fundamental Rights.
- In October 2010, the Commission urged France to implement in full the directive on the free movement of persons. In response, the French authorities undertook to amend the existing legislation by December 2010 or, at the latest, by January 2011. Has the Commission checked that France has fulfilled its commitments?
- How does the Commission assess the current position with regard to the full transposition of the directive on the free movement of persons into French law?
- Does the Commission consider that the rules currently in force in France are a sufficient guarantee that there will be no repeat of the collective expulsions of Roma of Bulgarian and Romanian origin which we witnessed in summer 2010?