

**Question for written answer P-003168/2017  
to the Commission**

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Subject: Respecting the EU citizenship rights of UK nationals in the EU

As long as the UK remains a member of the EU, the Treaties guarantee UK citizens' EU citizenship rights, which are indivisible and apply among other things to residence, work, social security, health, non-discriminatory treatment and judicial redress before the Court of Justice of the European Union (CJEU). Nevertheless, we have been receiving numerous indications from among the approximately 1.8 million UK citizens living in other EU countries that their right to obtain permanent residence, as guaranteed by Directive 2004/38/EC, is not being respected. The local and national authorities in charge of dealing with residence permits have been acting as if EU citizens' rights have been 'suspended' for UK citizens, in anticipation of Brexit, by replying that the files of Europeans who apply for a residence permit are not being dealt with as a priority since they are not compulsory.

Is the Commission aware of the problems encountered by UK citizens who are being denied the full enjoyment of their rights as EU citizens, and what measures will it take to address this discriminatory treatment?

Will the Commission ensure that the EU citizenship rights of UK citizens living in other EU countries will be respected and effectively guaranteed during the full period that the UK is a member of the EU?