

**Priority question for written answer P-002090/2022
to the Commission**
Rule 138
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Subject: Difference in fuel prices for Hungarian citizens and foreign nationals

On 27 May, the Hungarian Government decided that, as of the following day, foreign nationals would be charged much more than Hungarian citizens for diesel and petrol. The official capped price in Hungary is EUR 1.22 or HUF 480. Under the new law, foreigners will be required to pay the market price, which is currently around 40% higher.

Retailers point out that the new rules are impracticable in Hungary, given that customers take fuel first and pay afterwards. International experts have also pointed out that preventing non-Hungarian citizens from purchasing discounted fuel is in breach of EU rules, under which it is inadmissible to discriminate against any EU citizen on grounds of nationality.

In view of this:

1. Does the Commission consider that the new law governing fuel prices that has been adopted by the Hungarian Government is discriminatory and hence in breach of the EU Treaties?
2. Will it call on Hungary to revoke the law so as to eliminate any discrimination between Hungarian citizens and those of other EU Member States?
3. What measures will it take to identify, evaluate and contest such cases of price discrimination more promptly in future?