

**Question for written answer E-002856/2024  
to the Commission**  
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Subject: Protection of the right to use cash in the European Union

In view of the frequent restrictions imposed on cash payments in the retail sector, citizens of Croatia are concerned about their right to use cash, in spite of the Croatian National Bank and the European Central Bank's reassurances regarding the importance of the right to use cash as legal tender.

1. How will European legislation protect the right of citizens to use the only instrument that guarantees payments without intermediaries and costs?
2. How will it protect certain vulnerable social groups from restrictions being imposed on cash payments (the elderly, minors, people without access to banking services)?
3. How will it prevent merchants from violating citizens' rights to use cash in the euro area?

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