

WRITTEN QUESTION E-6815/08
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to the Commission

Subject: Principle of linguistic parity

The European Parliament (Directorate General for Communication) has published a contract notice for 2009 solely in English, French and German.

That contract notice requires the application form to be completed, and the project proposal drawn up, in those three languages (see in particular paragraph 2, page 2 of the 2009 contract notice, appended).

This constitutes a clear violation of the principle of linguistic parity and of Regulation 1/58, as well as the principle of non-discrimination between languages confirmed by the Court of Justice in its ruling of 20 November 2008.

What action will the Commission take to remedy this violation of the principle of linguistic parity?