

**Question for written answer E-004537/2014
to the Commission**

Rule 117

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Subject: Job advertisement excluding southerners

Title IV of the Treaty Establishing the European Community (EC Treaty) set out the European Union's policy on 'visas, asylum, immigration and other policies related to the free movement of persons.'

The founding treaties originally conceived the free movement of persons as a free movement of economic operators, to carry out work under contracts of employment in the EU. Later came the 1985 Schengen Agreements and the Maastricht Treaty, which introduced the concept of European citizenship. Thus the term assumed its current meaning, which includes the right of European citizens to circulate and reside freely in Europe.

The free movement of persons entails elimination of all nationality-based discrimination between workers of the Member States, with regard to employment and pay. This includes the right to respond to job offers in the European Union (Article 45 of the Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union).

The free movement of persons also implies a prohibition of restrictions (Article 49 of the Treaty).

A recent job advertisement did not respect this right. Instead, it excluded from job interviews anyone coming from southern Italy, and foreigners.

1. Does the Commission think it worth verifying the occurrence, imposing penalties and ensuring that such situations do not recur in future?
2. Do Community controls exist in this regard?