

**Question for written answer P-001713/2013
to the Commission**
Rule 117
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Subject: Rules on leaving the country for minors under the age of 14 in Italy

Regulation (EC) No 444/2009 has been supplemented in Italy by a provision stipulating that the written authorisation of parents must be certified and stamped by a competent authority – the local police headquarters ('questura') in Italy. Particularly for people living in border areas who cross the border regularly (such as the inhabitants of South Tyrol), this bureaucracy results in a considerable restriction on the freedom to travel. Minors who travel without this written authorisation therefore do so illegally.

1. In the Commission's view, does the adoption of Italian law No 166 of 20 November 2009 on implementation of Regulation (EC) No 444/2009 contradict the right of Europeans to travel freely?
2. What action does the Commission intend to take in order to ensure that freedom to travel is encouraged rather than restricted in border areas?