

**Question for written answer E-002004/2024
to the Commission**
Rule 144
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Subject: Discrimination against German pensioners and tourists in Spain

German pensioners in Spain are reportedly experiencing systematic discrimination when applying for residence permits, despite having sufficient financial resources. Some are even said to have been deported as soon as they became reliant on assistance. These practices may constitute breaches of EU law. There have recently been protests against mass tourism in Mallorca, which targeted German tourists in particular. At the same time, economically viable projects such as the development of alternative tourism regions are being put on the back burner as a result of dependence on EU funding.

1. What measures does the Commission intend to take to investigate discrimination against German tourists and pensioners in Spain and in particular in Mallorca?
2. How does the Commission ensure that EU funding does not lead to economically viable projects being put on hold until subsidies are paid?
3. What measures is the Commission taking to ensure the free movement of EU citizens in all Member States without bureaucratic hurdles and discrimination?

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