

Question for written answer E-003949/2025
to the Commission
Rule 144
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Subject: Disqualified doctors continuing to practise the same profession in another EU Member State

More and more European healthcare providers are practising their profession in another EU Member State. A study conducted in 45 countries shows that healthcare professionals who have lost their licence in one Member State after serious incidents, such as gross medical negligence or sexual abuse, can often find work in another Member State without a care in the world¹.

The study also shows that the IMI (European warning system) is inadequate. Licence withdrawals are often not reported, or the IMI is not consulted when a healthcare professional establishes themselves in another Member State. This criticism is in line with the findings of the European Court of Auditors².

The Commission wants to provide guidelines and promote the exchange of good practices with regard to following up on alerts. It has also stated that infringement proceedings have been initiated against Greece and that new infringement proceedings are not to be ruled out.

1. What is the status of the new guidelines and the exchange of good practices since the adoption of the European Court of Auditors' report?
2. Against which other Member States is the Commission currently considering initiating infringement proceedings?
3. What will the Commission do to improve both the input of data into the IMI and consultation thereof, in order to protect European patients and the integrity of European medical institutions?

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¹ <https://www.occrp.org/en/project/bad-practice/everything-you-need-to-know-about-the-bad-practice-investigation>

² Special Report 10/2024, The recognition of professional qualifications in the EU