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Answer given by Executive Vice-President Mînzatu
on behalf of the European Commission
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The Commission has been following the case of former *lettori* in Italian Universities very closely with the aim that Italy complies with the judgments of the Court of Justice of the European Union (CJEU) in cases C-212/99¹ and C-119/04². In July 2023, the Commission decided to refer Italy to the Court of Justice for maintaining discrimination of foreign lecturers³. Case C-519/23⁴ is currently pending at the Court of Justice.

The aim of the infringement procedure is to ensure that Italy puts appropriate measures in place to accommodate the requirements of the Court judgments. It is, however, for Italy to decide how to best accommodate the requirements of the Court judgments. Member States have a primary responsibility to monitor the application of the relevant legal provisions and to take the necessary steps for enforcement.

In October 2024, the Italian authorities indicated to the Commission that the implementation of the procedure laid down in Ministerial Decree No 688/2023 of 24 May 2023⁵ has ensured that former *lettori* had the right to reconstruct their career, in compliance with the obligations arising from EU and national legislation and the procedure has concluded with the payment of the sums due to former *lettori*.

In March 2025, the Italian trade unions provided the Commission with recent information regarding the case, which the Commission has transmitted to the Italian authorities for their reaction.

¹ Judgment of the Court of Justice of 26 June 2001, *Commission of the European Communities v Italian Republic*, Case C-212/99, ECLI:EU:C:2001:357. eur-lex.europa.eu/legal-content/EN/TXT/PDF/?uri=oj:JOC_2001_227_R_0002_02

² Judgment of the Court of Justice of 18 July 2006, *Commission of the European Communities v Italian Republic*, Case C-119/04, ECLI:EU:C:2006:489. <https://eur-lex.europa.eu/legal-content/EN/TXT/?uri=CELEX:62004CJ0119>

³ <https://curia.europa.eu/juris/liste.jsf?num=C-519/23>

⁴ Case C-519/23: Action brought on 10 August 2023, *European Commission v Italian Republic*, OJ C 338, 25.9.2023, p. 15 <https://eur-lex.europa.eu/legal-content/EN/TXT/?uri=CELEX:62023CN0519>

⁵ <https://www.mur.gov.it/sites/default/files/2023-06/Decreto%20Ministeriale%20n.%20688%20del%2024%20maggio%202023.pdf>