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Answer given by Executive Vice-President Mînzatu
on behalf of the European Commission
(18.11.2025)

1. The infringement case¹ was initially opened in 2021 and referred to the Court of Justice of the European Union in 2023².

In October 2024, the Italian authorities informed the Commission that the procedure laid down in Ministerial Decree No 688 of 24 May 2023, which governed the arrangements for allocating co-financing to universities employing former ‘lettori’, in order to pay the arrears of remuneration due, has successfully concluded with the payment of the sums due to all eligible lettori.

According to that information, Italy has put appropriate measures in place to end the infringement, by identifying the concerned ‘lettori’ as reported during the infringement proceedings and making the appropriate funds available to enforce an acceptable framework to end discrimination. Specifically, Italian universities have taken steps to ensure eligible foreign lecturers had their past arrears recognised and paid, addressing the deficiencies previously identified.

2. As some complainants and trade unions still contacted the Commission after October 2024 and claimed that their situation has not been resolved, the Commission asked the trade unions to provide more information and contacted the Italian authorities and shared this information with them in April 2025, insofar as possible under full respect of the applicable data protection provisions. In May 2025, Italy provided detailed documentation and confirmed that careers of all identified eligible former ‘lettori’ have been reconstructed.

Following a review of Italy’s commitments and actions, the Commission decided on 17 July 2025 to withdraw the case from the Court.

¹ INFR(2021)4055, [https://ec.europa.eu/implementing-eu-law/search-infringement-decisions/?lang_code=en&langCode=EN&version=v1&typeOfSearch=byCase&refId=INFR\(2021\)4055&page=1&size=10&order=desc&sortColumns=refId](https://ec.europa.eu/implementing-eu-law/search-infringement-decisions/?lang_code=en&langCode=EN&version=v1&typeOfSearch=byCase&refId=INFR(2021)4055&page=1&size=10&order=desc&sortColumns=refId).

² 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>.