

**Question for written answer E-014899/2015
to the Commission**
Rule 130
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Subject: Use of national languages in EPSO competitions

In cases T-124/13, *Italy vs Commission*, and T-191/13, *Spain vs Commission*, the Court of Justice of the European Union annulled three EPSO competitions which had violated Regulation EEC No 1/58 and the principle of equal treatment. The Court established that only corresponding with candidates in 3 of the 24 official languages is a breach of that Regulation.

With regard to the requirement that candidates choose between English, French and German as the second language for competitions, the Court considered narrowing down the choice of languages in this way to be discriminatory in that it favours candidates with one of those three languages as their mother tongue.

In the light of the above, can the Commission state:

1. whether it will ensure that all candidates have an equal chance to pass a competition, regardless of their nationality or of having one official language as their second language as opposed to another;
2. whether, and how, it will ensure that correspondence with candidates can be conducted in all the official EU languages;
3. whether it can indicate when these EPSO competitions will start running again?