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to the Commission**

Rule 130

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Subject: Remuneration for trainee specialists in the Italian health system

In the Italian health system, non-medical trainee specialists (i.e. those who are not doctors), such as physicists, biologists and chemists, do not enjoy the same rights as medical trainee specialists.

Although a specialist qualification is a prerequisite for admission to competitions held for managerial posts in the Italian health service, no financial provision has been made for training allowances for such trainee specialists. The fact that training allowances are available for medical trainee specialists only is clearly at odds with the principle of equal opportunities. It means that non-medical trainee specialists are not protected by a contract and do not receive any money while training, making it extremely difficult for them to make ends meet. In other Member States, such as France, Germany and the United Kingdom, all trainee specialists are given some form of allowance.

Would the Commission agree that the system in Italy discriminates against non-medical trainee specialists by denying them an equal right to training?

Will it enforce Directives 2005/36/EC and 2013/55/EU establishing a right to remuneration for those training for professional qualifications?