

**Question for written answer E-015140/2015
to the Commission**
Rule 130
Liadh Ní Riada (GUE/NGL)

Subject: Education

The European Schools system provides children with a full education, including lessons in the languages of the EU. Children of Irish parents are entitled to receive lessons in the Irish language. However, in some of the schools it appears that they must be enrolled in the English language section of the school in order to access these lessons.

It is reported that in cases where children of an Irish parent are enrolled in a non-English language section of a school, the child is prevented from accessing Irish lessons. The Irish language is a compulsory element of the Irish curriculum, and this creates difficulties regarding children from families where one parent is Irish and the other parent's mother tongue is not English.

Can the Commission clarify the following:

1. whether Irish children in the European Schools system have an entitlement to Irish language lessons;
2. whether dual-nationality children in the European Schools system with one Irish parent have an entitlement to Irish language lessons;
3. whether the European Schools are in breach of regulations and agreements if they do not provide Irish language lessons to Irish children registered in non-English sections of schools?