WRITTEN QUESTION E-5778/07 by Roberta Alma Anastase (PPE-DE) to the Commission

Subject: Role of education for tolerance in the context of the implementation of European rules on the right to freedom of movement and residence for EU citizens

Community citizens' right to move and reside freely in EU territory presupposes that these citizens are guaranteed genuine conditions of integration, interaction and social relations in all the EU Member States. With a view to achieving this goal, it is extremely important to promote education for tolerance and mutual respect in the long term, which would limit and remove the possibilities for discrimination, stigmatisation and exclusion of migrant Community citizens.

Are there any European programmes to promote education for tolerance in the EU Member States, and how will the Commission develop this policy? Is the Commission integrating this aspect in the context of the implementation of European rules guaranteeing the right to freedom of movement and residence for EU citizens, and in particular the corresponding 2004 directive? What are the priorities for European action in this area, and what instruments exist to ensure their correct implementation and monitor the practical results?

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