

**Question for written answer P-005100/2014
to the Commission**
Rule 117
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Subject: Travel concessions for old-age pensioners in the internal market

It is common across the Member States for old-age pensioners (OAPs) to receive concessions for travel. In the UK, for example, when people reach a pensionable age they are entitled to a free bus pass and reduced fares for rail travel. Considering that most OAPs are on limited incomes, mutual recognition or harmonisation of travel discounts for OAPs could help pensioners better exercise their right to free movement.

1. Has the Commission ever considered proposing the mutual recognition of OAP concessions for travel across the European Union?
2. Does the Commission consider that this measure would support the free movement of persons in the European Union?