



EUROPEAN COMMISSION

MEMO

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Reasoned opinions

- **European Commission continues legal action against ROMANIA on rights for the self-employed**

The Commission has today sent a reasoned opinion to **Romania** due to its failure to fully transpose the Directive on equality between men and women in self-employed activity. The deadline for transposition expired on 5 August 2012 and a letter of formal notice was sent to Romania in September 2012. So far Romania has only partially introduced the directive into national law. It has notified the Commission of a number of transposing measures, but further measures are still required for full transposition.

The Directive on self-employed workers and assisting spouses ([2010/41/EU](#)) guarantees social protection rights for millions of women in the labour market, strengthening female entrepreneurship. Under these rules, female self-employed workers and assisting spouses or life partners of self-employed workers are granted a maternity allowance and a leave of at least 14 weeks, should they choose to take it. At present only one in three entrepreneurs is a woman. In the absence of a satisfactory response within two months, the Commission can refer Romania to the Court of Justice of the EU.

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