

**Question for written answer E-009575/2012
to the Commission (Vice-President / High Representative)**
Rule 117
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Subject: VP/HR - Fast-track career of an EEAS official: five grades in one year

An official was promoted from AD7 in Parliament to AD8 in the Commission. After a short period of time this official was again promoted, becoming a Head of Division, (AD12) in the European External Action Service (EEAS).

1. Why was this official eligible for an AD12 post, given his previous grade?
2. Why was this procedure chosen?
3. Which competition did this official pass?
4. What is the legal basis for fast-tracking this official and for this exceptional procedure, which disregards the principle of equal treatment for EU officials?
5. Can preferential treatment be ruled out? Has OLAF been informed?