



Media Monitoring

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1) Rights of foreigners

Concerning the request of the Socialist Commerce Association, that also foreigners should be allowed to be candidates in the election for the Chamber of Commerce, the Circle of the Liberal Business People decisively has rejected it through a press release of Mr. Fritz Amann: "The eligibility for a public function [SIC] is a right of nationals and it has to remain so. After the EU accession the passive right to vote was extended to all EU citizens, what already conducts to a dilution, that has to be represented in the interest of the business men of the Austrian Chamber of Commerce. A further extension also to non EU citizens is not acceptable. "

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