

**Question for written answer E-006178/2017
to the Commission**
Rule 130
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Subject: Proof of means of subsistence for entry into the Schengen area

Article 6(1) point (c) of the Regulation of 9 March 2016 on the Schengen borders code states that one of the conditions for entry in the Schengen area is possession of sufficient means of subsistence both for the duration of a person's stay and for their return or for transit to another Schengen area country.

Each Member State determines reference amounts for sufficient means of subsistence and how these should be proved on arrival.

Various sources report a significant number of refusals of entry issued by the Aliens' Office concerning Moroccan citizens holding visas attempting to enter the Schengen area via airports in Belgium for want of sufficient means of subsistence or sufficient proof of such means according to the Office's evaluation criteria.

Does the Commission have any information on this situation, for example via the statistics on refusals for entry and the reasons for these which the Member States must send it every year under Regulation (EC) No 862/2007?

Does the Commission not believe it necessary to launch a campaign to inform visa-holders about how to furnish adequate proof of their means of subsistence for the duration of their stay so that they can avoid these difficult situations?