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Subject: Asylum seekers lying about their age

In order to verify the age of individuals seeking asylum in Sweden whose declared age had been questioned, forensic experts have conducted X-ray and magnetic resonance examinations of their teeth and knee joints. The investigations confirmed that most of these individuals were lying about their age in order to have a greater chance of obtaining a residence and asylum permit in Sweden. Of the 7858 asylum seekers investigated by the Swedish authorities, 6628 were found to be older than what they had claimed. Similar situations have also been found in other Member States.

How does the Commission intend to react to this?

Is the Commission currently preparing guidelines for Member States on how to deal with this form of deception?