

**Question for written answer E-001892/2018
to the Commission**

Rule 130

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Subject: Soros advises defiant cities who want to keep illegal immigrants in Europe

Article 79 of the Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union (TFEU) stipulates that ‘the EU shall develop a common immigration policy aimed at ensuring, at all stages, the efficient management of migratory flows, fair treatment of third-country nationals residing legally resident in Member States, and the prevention of, and enhanced measures to combat, illegal immigration’.¹

Therefore, according to the University of Oxford², legally resident migrants are offered inclusion policies that are purposefully different to the illegal residents, whose stay should be avoided and tackled. Member States therefore usually limit illegal migrants’ access to public services to a minimum. There are 440 000 illegal immigrants believed to be living in London³.

A report⁴ financed by Eurocities and the Open Society (George Soros) recommends different municipal tactics to stop these individuals from being pushed outside Europe. Therefore, Madrid has started to give a city identity card to illegal immigrants, which then gives them access to social services, housing and job search services (p. 13).

Why does the Commission subsidise and support the work of Eurocities⁵ instead of helping a network of cities such as Milan which favours the genuine integration (social, professional, etc.) of Europeans or legal residents?

¹ <https://eur-lex.europa.eu/legal-content/FR/TXT/?uri=celex%3A12012E%2FTXT>

² p. 3 <http://www.compas.ox.ac.uk/media/City-Initiative-on-Migrants-with-Irregular-Status-in-Europe-CMISE-report-November-2017-FINAL.pdf>

³ p. 2 <http://www.compas.ox.ac.uk/media/City-Initiative-on-Migrants-with-Irregular-Status-in-Europe-CMISE-report-November-2017-FINAL.pdf>

⁴ <http://www.compas.ox.ac.uk/media/City-Initiative-on-Migrants-with-Irregular-Status-in-Europe-CMISE-report-November-2017-FINAL.pdf>

⁵ <http://www.bcn.cat/novaciudadania/pdf/ca/home/DeclaracioBcn.en.pdf>