

**Question for written answer E-002628/2018  
to the Commission**  
Rule 130  
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Subject: Possible use of Slovak government plane in abduction of Vietnamese citizen

The German news magazine Der Spiegel has published allegations that in 2017 the Slovak authorities cooperated in the abduction of a Vietnamese citizen seeking asylum in Germany. The report in Der Spiegel alleges that the Slovak Interior Ministry lent a government aeroplane to a Vietnamese delegation for a flight from Bratislava to Moscow, and that one of the people on board was Vietnamese citizen Trinh Xuan Thanh, who had earlier been abducted from Germany by Vietnamese secret agents.

If these allegations turn out to be true, could the Commission specify which EU legislation would have been breached by the lending of the Slovak government aircraft to transport this abducted Vietnamese citizen?

Can a civilian aircraft, in this case an official government plane, leave the Schengen area without a clear record of the names of everyone on board?

Is there any EU body or agency with the power to investigate whether Trinh Xuan Thanh was indeed on board the Slovak government plane?