

**Question for written answer E-001723/2019
to the Commission**
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Subject: Refugees: sexual disorders count as marketable skills, according to the Commission

During the chaotic period in 2015 and 2016 when 2.4 million asylum seekers found their way to Europe¹, the Commission touted the arrival of graduates who would boost Europe's economy. However, employers quickly came face to face with the disappointing reality that very few of them had marketable skills².

In response, the Commission announced in 2017 that it was working on the EU Skills Profile Tool for Third-Country Nationals³, which 'will make it possible for non-EU nationals to present their skills, qualifications, and experiences in a way that is well understood by employers'. The tool constitutes the flagship measure of the Commission's New Skills Agenda for Europe in 2019⁴.

This tool, however, lists some unlikely and frankly bizarre skills, including:

- sexual disorders;
 - slaughtering animals for their fur;
 - determining an animal's sex;
 - providing sexual intimacy;
 - types of spa;
 - promoting human rights;
 - drug dependency;
 - obesity;
 - local port waters; and
 - use of genre painting techniques.
1. Why did the Commission choose these skills?
 2. How large is the budget allocated to this tool and its promotion?
 3. How many users are recorded in this database?

¹ https://ec.europa.eu/eurostat/statistics-explained/index.php/Asylum_statistics; According to the Commission, 90% of refugees used criminal networks to cross European borders.

² <http://ec.europa.eu/social/BlobServlet?docId=15616&langId=en>

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⁴ <https://ec.europa.eu/migrantskills#/profile/skills-identification/professional>

⁴ http://europa.eu/rapid/press-release_IP-18-364_fr.htm