

**Question for written answer P-004844/2016
to the Commission**

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Subject: Harmonisation and exchange of information concerning removal measures

Under Article 79 TFEU, the Union is to develop a common immigration policy that will cover illegal immigration, unauthorised residence and the removal and repatriation of persons residing without authorisation. Article 23 of the Convention implementing the Schengen Agreement also contains provisions relating to the presence of persons residing without authorisation.

The Member States have many different measures through which to remove foreign nationals unlawfully present on their territory: refoulement, orders to leave the territory, deportation, repatriation, expulsion, etc. All these measures follow a particular procedure and allow for the right to appeal.

Given the secondary movements that are to be expected in an area without borders, does the Commission agree that it would be appropriate to move towards harmonising the different measures relating to the removal of foreign citizens unlawfully present on EU territory?

Is there a database or channel for exchanging information at EU level that would enable the Member States to ascertain that a foreign citizen who is unlawfully present on their territory has already been the subject of a removal measure taken by another Member State?