

**Question for written answer P-007358/2017
to the Commission**

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Subject: Dual national citizens being kept in Turkey

Citizens from several Member States with dual EU-Turkish nationality have encountered problems in returning to the EU after visiting Turkey, their country of origin. In 1981, dual citizenship became legal in Turkey, although it requires authorisation.

It is unacceptable that EU Member State dual citizens are not allowed to return to the EU and to their normal family and working lives, which they have built up during many years or even decades. This is a clear violation of human rights.

Individual Member State authorities have tried to negotiate bilaterally with Turkey to get permission for their dual citizens to leave the country and return to their current home countries. However, the problem goes beyond bilateral negotiations and therefore there is clear need for the EU to take action.

1. What is the Commission doing to ensure the secure return of citizens with dual citizenship to the EU?
2. What will the Commission do to ensure that European citizens with dual citizenship can visit Turkey without being afraid that they will be prohibited from leaving Turkey?