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# MOTION FOR A RESOLUTION

pursuant to Rule 143 of the Rules of Procedure  
on Albanians immigrating to the European Union

**Dominique Bilde**

**Motion for a European Parliament resolution on Albanians immigrating to the European Union**

The European Parliament,

- having regard to the agreement of 17 May 2005 between the European Community and the Republic of Albania on the readmission of persons residing without authorisation<sup>1</sup>,
- having regard to Rule 143 of its Rules of Procedure,
- A. whereas ‘between 2010 and 2019, more than 193 000 Albanians applied for asylum in the European Union’<sup>2</sup>;
- B. whereas ‘the country still grapples with blood feuds and revenge killings, domestic abuse, and so-called honour-based violence’<sup>3</sup>;
- C. whereas ‘the visa waivers granted in 2010 for Albania and in 2017 for Georgia have led to a disproportionate amount of irregular migrants coming to France compared to other countries’<sup>4</sup>;
- 1. Notes the decrease in irregular arrivals to the UK, notably as a result of a bilateral agreement<sup>5</sup>;
- 2. Expresses its concern about ‘the apparent increase in unaccompanied Albanian children seeking asylum’<sup>6</sup>;
- 3. Urges the Commission to discuss these asylum applications (notably those by unaccompanied minors), improving the return rate and statistics, and the impact of the visa liberalisation mechanism with Albania<sup>7</sup>.

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<sup>1</sup> [https://eur-lex.europa.eu/legal-content/EN/TXT/PDF/?uri=CELEX:22005A0517\(02\)](https://eur-lex.europa.eu/legal-content/EN/TXT/PDF/?uri=CELEX:22005A0517(02))

<sup>2</sup> <https://www.euractiv.com/section/global-europe/news/albania/>

<sup>3</sup> <https://www.euractiv.com/section/global-europe/news/albania/>; ‘The country still grapples with blood feuds and revenge killings, domestic abuse, and so-called honour-based violence. It is also a top country of origin for the trafficking of women and girls.’

<sup>4</sup> «L'Europe est la région la plus tolérante vis-à-vis de l'immigration irrégulière», *Le Figaro* (via Factiva), 15 January 2024 (Maxime Guimard interviewed by Ronan Planchon).

<sup>5</sup> «Cleverly travels to Albania amid UK efforts to tackle illegal migration», *The Independent* (via Factiva), Dominic McGrath, 16 October 2023.

<sup>6</sup> *Euractiv*, <https://www.euractiv.com/section/politics/news/after-uk-drop-eu-sees-decline-in-albanian-asylum-seekers-in-2023/>

<sup>7</sup> Dubow, T., Tan, S. E., and Kuschminder, K. (2021). EU Exit Regimes in Practice: Sustainable Return and Reintegration in Albania, ADMIGOV Interim Report for Deliverable 2.4, Maastricht: Maastricht University.