

WRITTEN QUESTION E-1297/04
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to the Commission

Subject: Limitations of the study 'Migration trends in an enlarged Europe'

The European Foundation for the Improvement of Living and Working Conditions recently published a study entitled 'Migration trends in an enlarged Europe'. The study aims to provide an understanding of potential immigration from future Member States and applicant countries to the current European Union. The data used was provided by the 2002 Eurobarometer survey on the applicant countries.

According to the introduction, the study has some significant limitations. On page 5, it is stated that certain important information usually collected in migration studies is not available. As such, there is no information on target countries for migration or on the length of intended stay in the target country. Nor, according to the report, can any distinction be drawn between the various forms of migration.

Does the Commission plan to carry out supplementary studies, or has it commissioned another body to do so, in order to compensate for the shortcomings referred to above?