

**Question for written answer E-000654/2017
to the Commission**
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Subject: The European Arrest Warrant

The European Arrest Warrant (EAW) has proven to be an effective instrument in fighting cross-border crime and terrorism in Europe. However, as the statistics clearly show, its reputation has been tarnished by abuses committed by some countries. During the period 2010-2016, Poland and Romania issued to the UK 13 722 and 6 033 requests respectively, while the UK only issued 73 and 49 requests to these countries. The human and financial costs of each surrender procedure amount to at least EUR 25 000. Currently, against the background of Brexit, Romania has issued a number of surrender requests to the UK. One of these cases concerns Alexander Adamescu, a German citizen living and working in the UK, whose father died in prison last week after he was denied an early release despite being seriously ill (in a coma) and aged 68.

How will the Commission guarantee that such a disproportionate use of the EAW is put to an immediate end in law and in practice?

How will the Commission ensure that criminal justice standards and prison conditions in the EU are raised before the courts step in and block further transfers due to the possible violation of the person's fundamental rights?