

**Question for written answer E-002890/2018**  
**to the Commission**  
Rule 130  
**Gerard Batten (EFDD)**

Subject: Criminals selling EU passports and travel documentation

On 18 May 2018 the BBC showed a highly disturbing video showing just how easy it is for non-EU nationals to acquire EU passports, travel documents and European residency IDs. Many of these documents have been sold by refugees who have decided to leave Europe and return home<sup>1</sup>.

The practice of selling EU passports puts the whole continent at risk from further infiltration of terrorists.

Is the Commission aware of this practice?

If so, what measures is the Commission taking to combat this trade?

Does the Commission have any statistics on how many EU documents are illegally bought/sold per year?

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<sup>1</sup> <http://www.bbc.com/news/av/world-middle-east-43927507/how-easy-is-it-to-get-an-illegal-eu-passport>