

**Question for written answer E-000330/2020
to the Commission**
Rule 138
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Subject: Identifying stateless persons and strengthening their protection

The 2015 European Council conclusions on Statelessness acknowledge the importance of identifying stateless persons and strengthening their protection, thus allowing them to enjoy core fundamental rights and reducing the risk of discrimination or unequal treatment.

Although all but four Member States are signatories to the 1954 Statelessness Convention, only six have dedicated statelessness determination procedures in place that afford legal recognition to stateless persons on their territories and grant them a residence permit, thereby providing access to the rights owed under the Convention.

Considering these protection gaps:

1. What steps does the Commission intend to take to ensure that all Member States establish dedicated procedures to adequately identify and protect stateless persons on their territories?
2. What evaluation has been conducted of the impact of the European Migration Network's Platform of Statelessness, which was mandated by the 2015 Council conclusions to facilitate the exchange of good practice among Member States with a view to achieving the stated objectives of reducing statelessness in the EU, strengthening the protection of stateless people, and preventing discrimination?
3. What future activities are planned to meet these objectives, and what more could the Commission be doing directly, where necessary, to support, resource and achieve these objectives?