

**Question for written answer E-004420/2020
to the Commission**
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Subject: Experts with a migrant background to work on immigration policy

On 22 July 2020, the Commission launched a public consultation to gather views on 'new actions that could be taken at EU level to promote the integration and social inclusion of migrants and people with a migrant background.'¹

The Commission also launched a call for applications to recruit 'an expert group composed of persons with a migrant background' to participate in the development and implementation of migration, asylum and integration policies.

According to Margaritis Schinas, Vice-President for Promoting our European Way of Life, 'integration of migrants is in everyone's interest, it promotes strong and harmonious communities (...).'

For Ylva Johansson, Commissioner for Home Affairs, 'the coronavirus crisis showed once again that migrants and refugees contribute in a crucial way to our societies (...).'

Coming from key figures who are supposed to enforce legally established procedures and fight illegal immigration, this method and the value judgements made are surprising.

It is the Member States that are responsible for integration policies. This being so, will the Commission be contacting governments with regard to recruiting experts from an immigration background, in order to ask for their support in the selection of candidates?

¹ https://ec.europa.eu/commission/presscorner/detail/en/ip_20_1364