

**Question for written answer E-006545/2020
to the Commission**

Rule 138

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Subject: Funerals and weddings with hundreds in attendance during periods of measures to curb the spread of the COVID-19 pandemic

Muslim migrants often have a completely different perception in cultural matters to that of people in European countries with Christian roots, and this frequently leads to conflicts and misunderstandings in host countries. The same is true of funerals¹ and weddings², which are attended by hundreds of people. This cultural aspect should receive heightened critical consideration particularly now, at a time of measures to curb the spread of the COVID-19 pandemic in the Member States, as government regulations and instructions are being flouted.

1. How does the Commission assess the danger posed by such events with hundreds of guests in attendance?
2. How does the Commission believe the Member States should react in such cultural matters?
3. Does the Commission consider it unjust if native citizens are permitted only a very small number of guests yet similar events involving, for example, Muslim families with hundreds of guests are permitted?

¹ <https://www.kreiszeitung.de/lokales/bremen/beerdigung-bremen-vegesack-trauerfeier-gaeste-polizei-einsatz-corona-90109996.html>

² <https://www.bz-berlin.de/berlin/neukoelln/dutzende-corona-infizierte-nach-hochzeitsfeier-in-berlin>