

**Question for written answer E-000296/2021
to the Commission**

Rule 138

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Subject: Denial of transit by the Romanian border authorities to Ukrainian and Moldovan citizens travelling to Bulgaria

The Order issued by the Bulgarian Minister of Health on 30 September 2020 grants citizens from Ukraine and the Republic of Moldova right of entry into the Republic of Bulgaria on presentation of valid proof of a negative PCR COVID-19 test performed less than 72 hours before entering Bulgaria.

Despite presenting a valid negative PCR test certificate, and a translated and legally certified document stating the reasons for their travelling to Bulgaria, as well as hotel reservations in Bulgaria, Ukrainian and Moldovan citizens have been denied entry to Romania for transit purposes.

Those attempting to enter Romania have made repeated requests for a written statement explaining why customs officials at the Galați border crossing point have denied them entry, but they have only received a reply explaining why they cannot reside in Romania and not why they cannot transit through Romania.

1. Is the Commission aware of this problem?
2. Will the Commission take concrete action against the Romanian Government to ensure that the Bulgarian minorities in Ukraine and the Republic of Moldova can enjoy unhindered access and entry to the Republic of Bulgaria?