

**Question for written answer E-003006/2021  
to the Commission**

Rule 138

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**Subject:** Fictitious fatherhood for the purpose of obtaining residence permits

We know that the current migrant crisis provides a route for human trafficking, especially of women, girls and children.

Many sources confirm<sup>1</sup> that not only do unscrupulous third country traffickers profit from the unfortunate situation of genuine refugees, but also that a proportion of female asylum seekers participate in fictitious fatherhood scams.

Young migrant mothers pay between EUR 3 000 and 5 000 to European men for them to falsely claim fatherhood of their babies. Because of this racket, in my country these children acquire German citizenship, which under German immigration law enables their mothers to stay in the country, regardless of whether the so-called 'fathers' are involved in the lives of either the mother or child. It is another form illegal entry, giving undeserved benefits to whole families.

Is the Commission aware of this phenomenon? If so, how many instances does it know of, and in which Member States have they taken place? What measures does it intend to apply to solve it?

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<sup>1</sup> <https://www.faz.net/aktuell/politik/inland/gesetzesluecke-das-geschaeft-mit-den-scheinvaterschaften-17328824.html>