

**Question for written answer E-003074/2021
to the Commission**

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Subject: Illegal award of thousands of EU passports in Cyprus and Malta

The practice of illegally awarding so-called golden passports, as has been done by the Member States of Cyprus and Malta, has been brought into question in a committee of enquiry. EUR 10 billion are said to have been received by this procedure, on the 'investment for EU passports' principle. EU passport holders enjoy all the fundamental freedoms of the Union.

1. How many such passports have been awarded, and where do these 'new' EU citizens originally come from?
2. In which Member States have these 'new' EU citizens settled, and how many have so far done so?
3. Will it be possible for illegally-acquired EU passports to be withdrawn and the illegal revenues confiscated?