

**Question for written answer E-003252/2021
to the Commission**

Rule 138

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Subject: Placing of children with foster families without explanation or justification

On 10 March 2021, the German child protection service in Freiburg took a 7-year-old girl with dual Romanian and German nationality directly from her school and placed her with a foster family. The child protection service failed to give her mother, a Romanian national, a copy of any decision establishing the circumstances and reasons for the child being separated from her family. The little girl has had no contact with her mother or brother since then. She has told the courts that she misses her mother and wants to see her again.

In Resolution 2018/2856, the European Parliament reminded the German authorities of 'the importance of providing non-German parents, without delay, from the outset and at every stage of child-related proceedings, complete and clear information on the proceedings and on the possible consequences thereof, in a language that the parents in question fully understand'.

What kind of checks is the Commission performing to ensure that the procedures and practices followed in the German family law system and by the *Jugendamt* children's welfare agencies do not discriminate against nationals of other Member States in cross-border family disputes?