

**Question for written answer E-004493/2021
to the Commission**
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Subject: Abuse of asylum application procedures by Moldovan, Georgian and Ukrainian nationals

Visa liberalisation for Moldovan, Georgian and Ukrainian citizens is beginning to pose problems for Member States due to the high number of unfounded asylum applications made through the EU entry mechanism as part of this visa allocation scheme¹.

Germany, in particular, has seen a drastic surge in the number of asylum applications. Between June-August 2019 and June-August 2021, there was an increase of over 51% in applications lodged by Georgians, and an increase of over 429% in applications lodged by Moldovans.

A similar situation was reported in Belgium, the Czech Republic and Italy.

In France, two illegal immigration networks, one Ukrainian and the other Moldovan, were broken up last April, after having misappropriated at least EUR 1 million of allowances for asylum seekers².

Member States recently expressed surprise at the Commission's report of 4 August 2021³, which states that the countries of origin of the applicants concerned continue to fulfil the visa liberalisation requirements.

Does the Commission intend to respond to the number of irregular asylum applications from Moldovan, Georgian and Ukrainian nationals by calling for the visa liberalisation scheme for those countries to be halted?

¹ <https://drive.google.com/file/d/11QbmzskCqoJE5nRvwWVy1z6tKTdgWJ2j/view>

² <https://www.lefigaro.fr/flash-actu/immigration-clandestine-plus-d-un-million-d-euros-d-aide-a-l-asile-detournes-neuf-interpellations-20210419>

³ <https://eur-lex.europa.eu/legal-content/EN/TXT/PDF/?uri=CELEX:52021DC0602&from=EN>