

**Question for written answer E-000851/2022/rev.1
to the Commission**

Rule 138

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Subject: The growing problem of illegal immigration in the EU

The links between illegal immigration, organised crime and terrorism pose a serious threat to Member States' internal security.

Moreover, illegal immigration has become an increasingly pressing issue. Individuals who commit offences in the EU include those who:

cross EU borders using false identity documents;

remain in the EU even though the relevant permit (e.g. visa or work permit) has expired, or despite the fact they have been ordered to leave;

entered the EU on the basis of a fraudulent application for a visa, a work permit or refugee status;

reside in the EU as a result of a sham marriage, a course of study that they are not actually following or an illegal adoption;

are victims of human trafficking.

1. Does the Commission have a database containing information of this type obtained from the Member States?
2. If so, could the Commission publish these statistics?
3. Could the Commission also state how much illegal immigration costs the EU?