

**Question for written answer E-000941/2022  
to the Commission**

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**Subject:** Surrogacy fair in Milan: treating human life as a mere commodity

According to press reports, a fair titled 'Un sogno chiamato bebè' ('Making the baby dream come true'), which has already been put on in other European cities over the last five years, will be held in Milan on 21-22 May. Past editions have promoted various ways of having children including those involving the latest artificial insemination techniques, such as the illegal practice of renting wombs. At the event in Paris, couples hoping to become parents were offered surrogacy services where they could even select their baby's eye colour, hair colour and sex, with prices ranging between EUR 49 000 and 100 000.

This abominable trading of human lives breaches Italian Law 40/2004, which bans and penalises both the act and the promotion of surrogacy.

In view of the above, can the Commission say:

1. What it makes of this matter and whether it considers the selection of preferences for an unborn child to be a violation of human rights and against the child's best interests?
2. What measures it will take to prevent all forms of surrogacy and thus the trading of human lives in the Member States?