Question for written answer E-001486/2022 to the Commission
Rule 138

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Subject: Possible costs of implementing the Prüm II Regulation

As part of the renewal of the Prüm Decisions, the exchange of biometric data is to be extended to include facial images. The implementation of the planned Prüm II Regulation would entail enormous costs for each Member State and for Europol if facial recognition systems have to be installed in addition to systems for the comparison of fingerprints and DNA samples.

- 1. What is the Commission's estimate of the costs of implementing the Prüm II Regulation in each Member State with regard to the systems necessary for the comparison of fingerprints and DNA samples, as well as facial recognition image files via a link to a central router (please provide details separately for each biometric procedure)?
- 2. What additional costs does the Commission think the establishment of a European Police Records Information System for the individual Member States will entail, and what would the money concerned be spent on?
- 3. How much will the European Agency for the Operational Management of Large-Scale IT Systems and Europol have to spend on the implementation of the Prüm II Regulation, and what increases in staff numbers are envisaged for the two agencies in the years leading up to 2027?