

**Question for written answer E-001918/2022/rev.1  
to the Commission**  
Rule 138  
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**Subject:** Visit of Filip de Winter and Geert Wilders to municipalities in Brussels

On 13 May 2022, Filip de Winter invited Geert Wilders to join him on a walk through a number of municipalities in Brussels. Together they wanted to experience what it was like to walk the streets of those municipalities. It was not a demonstration, but simply two individuals who wanted to move freely on European soil.

However, several mayors denied them access. At the Sint-Joost-ten-Node border, they were stopped by the police and prevented from entering the municipality on the basis of a police order.

1. How is this ban reconcilable with the Union's fundamental principle of freedom of movement?
2. How does the Commission view the fact that citizens are being denied access to certain municipalities on the basis of their political persuasion?
3. Under EU law, do local mayors have the right to establish 'no-go' zones for certain citizens on the basis of political persuasion, even though political persuasion is a protected characteristic?