

**Question for written answer E-003927/2022**  
**to the Commission**  
Rule 138  
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Subject: Asylum and migration policy

Last week, Austria's Interior Minister, Gerhard Karner, criticised the EU's Schengen area system and its current modus operandi<sup>1</sup>. The Schengen system, a uniform area free of internal borders, is not currently fit for purpose owing to the large number of unregistered migrants, and the planned enlargement to Croatia, Romania and Bulgaria will only worsens this situation of uncontrolled entry into the EU. The European Parliament remains in favour of admitting these candidate countries, but has also criticised the asylum and migration policy and stressed that potential for improvement<sup>2</sup>.

1. What is the Commission's view of Mr Karner's criticism of the Union's migration policy and the high number of unregistered migrants?
2. What does the Commission intend to do to in response to this dissatisfaction with and criticism of the Schengen system, particularly with regard to the planned accession of Croatia, Romania and Bulgaria?
3. How does the Commission intend to stem the flow of migrants via the eastern Mediterranean route?

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<sup>1</sup> <https://www.derstandard.at/story/2000141042339/karner-bekraeftigt-kritik-am-schengen-system>

<sup>2</sup> <https://www.derstandard.at/story/2000141087649/eu-abgeordnete-halten-an-schengen-erweiterung-fest?ref=rec>