

**Question for written answer E-002056/2023
to the Commission**
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Subject: The migration challenge

According to Frontex, at least 53 000 migrants crossed into the EU in the first five months of 2023 (+ 12 %). In 2022, at least 330 000 illegal immigrants found their way into the EU, and the EU registered over one million asylum applications. Seventy-one percent of all asylum applicants are young men; and the vast majority are young male Muslims.

A number of Member States are facing increasing labour shortages – a problem that, logically, the EU's replacement policy cannot solve, given that most migrants are unskilled and unqualified and are only on the look-out for welfare benefits in the EU. The Austrian Integration Agency estimated in 2022 that 70 % of migrants were illiterate.

1. What proportion of migrants who have settled in the EU since the beginning of this parliamentary term have specific qualifications allowing them to contribute to prosperity within the EU?
2. Hungary is sounding a warning note about the rise in the number of illegals with heavy weaponry who are finding their way into the Schengen Area. What action is the Commission taking to counter that?
3. The increasing number of Muslims in the EU is downright alarming. What action does the Commission intend to take to safeguard Europeans' lifestyle (prosperity, institutions, culture and traditions) against this threat?

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