

**Question for written answer E-002321/2023
to the Commission**

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Subject: Fundamental Rights Report 2023

In a statement published on Wednesday 5 July 2023, the European Union Agency for Fundamental Rights (FRA) revealed that in 2017, 'the police searched or asked 34 % of ethnic minorities for their identity papers compared to 14 % of people generally. In some countries, over 80 % of ethnic minorities perceived the most recent police stop as ethnic profiling.'

Since a juvenile delinquent who habitually refused to comply with the authorities died on Tuesday 27 June, France has been experiencing a nightmarish period of unrest, which is only just slowly beginning to ease. However, Michael O'Flaherty, Director of the FRA, stated that '[n]o one should be afraid of a police stop. The EU and its Member States need to step up their efforts to tackle racism and build trust in our societies.'

1. In the Commission's view, what are the reasons behind the police searching or asking 34 % of ethnic minorities for their identity papers compared to 14 % of people generally?
2. Does it deny that there is a link between immigration, mainly from outside Europe, and the riots that took place in France at the end of June and beginning of July?
3. Does it support the comments made by Commissioner for Justice Didier Reynders criticising the French police?

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