

**Priority question for written answer P-000803/2021
to the Commission**

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Subject: The de facto travel ban from Bornholm to mainland Denmark via Sweden and its impact on cross-border workers and families based between Sweden and Denmark

Sweden has announced a de facto ban on travel between Sweden and Denmark, requiring foreign nationals over the age of 18 to show a negative test no older than 48 hours when entering Sweden. This is placing a great financial and practical burden on people commuting from Bornholm to mainland Denmark via Sweden (namely Ystad and Malmö), despite the fact that they both begin and end their journey in Denmark, and only pass through Sweden because of Bornholm's geographical location. This is also affecting cross-border workers and families based between Sweden and Denmark.

1. What will the Commission do to ensure that Danish citizens residing on or commuting to Bornholm will not be unduly and disproportionately burdened by the testing requirement when passing through Sweden?
2. What will it do to ensure that the COVID-19 restrictions are based on a risk analysis of the nature of the spread of the virus and not arbitrary decisions based on national borders?