

**Priority question for written answer P-000504/2022
to the Commission**

Rule 138

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Subject: Profiling of EU citizens entering the United Kingdom

The number of citizens of Romania refused entry to Great Britain is the highest for any EU country. Of the 5 266 EU citizens stopped at the border in the latter part of 2021, 56% were Romanian, followed by Bulgarians at 10% and Poles at 7%.

These are shocking figures and I want to check whether there may not also be discriminatory behaviour involved in this process. Since Article 492 of the EU-UK Trade and Cooperation Agreement provides for a reciprocity mechanism to ensure visa-free travel for short-term visits and Article 140 of that agreement covers entry and temporary stay for business purposes:

1. Is the Commission is aware of this situation, and if so what has it done and/or does it plan to do in this regard?
2. Has a set of criteria been agreed between the EU and the UK on the basis of which the UK authorities are refusing entry to that country?
3. Is there an information exchange mechanism on the main reasons for the refusal of entry?