

**Priority question for written answer P-000976/2022  
to the Commission**  
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**Subject:** The threat of human traffickers for women and children fleeing Ukraine

According to the United Nations, more than two million people have already fled Ukraine since Russia's violent invasion on 24 February 2022. It is mainly women and children who are fleeing war and are in a vulnerable position.

More and more aid organisations on the ground are being alerted to human trafficking in Ukraine's border region. People with malicious intentions appear to be using this chaotic situation to take advantage of women and children fleeing Ukraine. For example, women are offered a free ride, only later to be asked for money or sex. The Belgian organisation Child Focus wants to prevent minors from travelling alone and falling into the wrong hands, and is calling for international cooperation.

Given that these malicious practices are unacceptable on EU territory, the following questions arise:

1. What concrete steps is the Commission taking to stop human trafficking on EU soil and to better protect the countless women and children fleeing Ukraine?
2. Will the Commission soon be launching a large-scale and targeted information campaign to inform refugees of their rights when they arrive in the EU?
3. In what way are Ukrainian women and children who have fallen victim to trafficking being received and supported?