

**Priority question for written answer P-004046/2022  
to the Commission**

Rule 138

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Subject: Illegal Chinese police stations in the EU

The Spanish NGO 'Safeguard Defenders' has flagged up the presence of Chinese overseas police service stations in a number of EU countries (thirteen in all)<sup>1</sup>. Of the 110 stations around the world, 38 are in the EU, the majority in Italy and Spain (eleven and nine respectively). The Chinese authorities claim that these stations simply provide administrative services. However, they are actually involved in at least 80 illegal 'Persuasion to Return Operations', as well as 'Fox Hunt Operations'<sup>2</sup>, targeting and seeking to intimidate mainly political dissidents and members of persecuted communities.

In view of this:

1. Is the Commission aware of these Police service stations, their exact location in the EU and the nature of their activities?
2. What protection does it plan to provide for citizens fleeing authoritarian regimes and seeking freedom in the EU?
3. Will it pursue a common strategy with the Member States to close down these police stations and put an end to their activities?

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<sup>1</sup> <https://safeguarddefenders.com/sites/default/files/pdf/Patrol%20and%20Persuade.pdf>

<sup>2</sup> <https://safeguarddefenders.com/en/blog/230000-policing-expands>