

**Priority question for written answer P-004141/2022
to the Commission**

Rule 138

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Subject: Minimum income recipients from third countries

Since 2010, Germany has paid Hartz-IV benefits of around EUR 117 billion to citizens of other EU Member States and third-country nationals. In 2010, non-Germans accounted for 20% of the total number of beneficiaries, receiving around EUR 6.9 billion in Hartz-IV benefits, doubling to 40% by 2021 with payments rising to over EUR 13.2 billion. Of these amounts, around 45% went to people from the eight largest asylum countries. Since the end of 2021, the proportion of non-German Hartz-IV recipients has risen to 52%, placing them in the majority¹.

1. What percentages of minimum income recipients in each of the EU Member States come from other Member States and third-countries respectively ?
2. What are the annual amounts of minimum income paid to recipients in each category?
3. What percentage of recipients is made up of asylum seekers in each of the Member States?

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¹ 'Junge Freiheit' weekly newspaper, 1 August 2022 - German payments to foreign Hartz-IV recipients