

**Priority question for written answer P-003349/2023
to the Commission**

Rule 138

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Subject: Reintroduction of border controls between Poland and Slovakia

In response to cases of illegal migrants crossing the border, Poland has decided to reintroduce border controls at some border crossing points between Poland and Slovakia as of 3 October 2023

This decision mainly affected smaller border crossings, some of which can be crossed with delays after checks and the presentation of identity documents, but many others are completely closed.

However, the closure of these border crossings hinders the free movement of people, goods and services, which is a pillar of the internal market. At the same time, it hampers the movement of cross-border workers in border areas, threatening their livelihoods.

In the light of the foregoing:

1. Has Poland informed the Commission of the reasons for and consequences of the reintroduction of border controls and the complete closure of certain border crossing points between Slovakia and Poland?
2. Does the Commission feel that Poland's actions are justified and proportionate to the migration situation and bearing in mind the importance of the small border crossing points?
3. What is the Commission's view of the proportionality of the introduction of border controls and the closure of certain border crossing points in the context of complicating or preventing the free movement of persons, including the threat that this poses to the livelihood of frontier workers?

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