

**Question for written answer E-001678/2024
to the Commission**
Rule 144
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Subject: The response to German border controls and potential violations of the Schengen Borders Code

The Federal Republic of Germany has implemented additional controls along all of its internal EU borders. Representatives of the German Government have stated that this decision was made to prevent irregular migration.

Initial border controls on the German-Polish, German-Czech, and German-Swiss borders were introduced in mid-October 2023, leading to significant disruptions in traffic flow. While the importance of security is acknowledged, it is crucial to ensure the proper functioning of the Schengen area. Persistent traffic jams at the borders, particularly affecting cross-border workers and the transport sector, could lead to serious challenges.

1. Do permanent and persistent border controls constitute a violation of the Schengen Borders Code¹?
2. What measures is the Commission taking to safeguard EU citizens' right to freedom of movement, as guaranteed by Article 45 of the Charter of Fundamental Rights of the European Union?

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¹ Regulation (EU) 2016/399 of 9 March 2016 on a Union Code on the rules governing the movement of persons across borders (Schengen Borders Code), <http://data.europa.eu/eli/reg/2016/399/oj>.