

**Question for written answer E-001698/2024/rev.1
to the Commission**
Rule 144
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Subject: Functioning of the Schengen area and closure of German land borders

Following Germany's decision to introduce temporary controls on all land borders from 16 September 2024, without making prior arrangements with other Member States, I would like to ask the following questions:

1. Did Germany formally notify the Commission of its plan to impose temporary border controls, and did it fulfil the legal grounds for this action as set out in Schengen provisions?
2. How will the Commission guarantee that Germany and other Member States fulfil their commitments arising from the Pact on Migration and Asylum when Germany's unilateral actions undermine the already questionable nature of this pact and raise the issue of double standards in relation to certain EU countries?
3. How does the Commission justify its lack of a response to the unilateral imposition of border controls by Germany, which is apparently suspending the Schengen area rules, while other countries, such as Poland, are criticised for taking steps to protect their borders?

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