

**Question for written answer E-001796/2024
to the Commission**
Rule 144
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Subject: Germany: travel document control measures and (non-)enforcement of the Pact on Migration and Asylum

Very recently, Germany implemented new measures, in principle for six months, for control of travel documents along its land borders, including the borders with Schengen countries (France, Belgium, the Netherlands, Luxembourg, Denmark).

In addition, according to official statements, the German government is planning, in the near future, to step up asylum rejections, urgent returns to the EU countries of first entry, and deportations to third countries.

The implementation of such practices amounts to:

- a) de facto suspension of the Schengen rules on the pretext of exceptional circumstances, although there is no emergency situation and, quite obviously, in terms of migration flows, there has been no recent change in international developments that would raise the issue of force majeure or emergency circumstances;
- b) direct political and practical undermining of the very recent new Union rules on migration and asylum which, as stated by the Commission itself, constitute a ‘comprehensive approach that aims at strengthening and integrating key Union policies on migration, asylum, border management and integration’ and ‘allow the EU to address complex issues in a decisive and resourceful manner’¹;
- c) unacceptable indifference and lack of solidarity towards the Member States of first reception, particularly Greece.

In the light of this,

1. Do the above measures lie within the bounds of Union legality and cohesion?
2. Do the ‘decisiveness’ and ‘resourcefulness’ of the new pact give Member States, in effect, the power to dissolve it?

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¹ https://home-affairs.ec.europa.eu/policies/migration-and-asylum/pact-migration-and-asylum_el?prefLang=el