

**Question for written answer E-002092/2024  
to the Commission**  
Rule 144  
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**Subject:** Granting citizenship and ‘golden passports’ in the EU

The recently revealed attempts to fast-track the naturalisation of the Turkish journalist Can Dündar, a process which the Green party in the German parliament<sup>1</sup> have been found to have manipulated, raises serious questions about the integrity of naturalisation procedures in the EU. While the sovereignty of Member States to determine their own naturalisation rules is highly important, the potential effects of dubious naturalisation practices on the Union as a whole are a matter of concern.

1. What information does the Commission have on similar cases of manipulative political influence on naturalisation procedures in other Member States?
2. To what extent does the Commission see the free movement of people granted via ‘golden passports’ or politically motivated naturalisations to individuals as a risk that could jeopardise the security of the Union?
3. How does the Commission intend to support the Member States in ensuring integrity in naturalisation procedures without impinging upon their national sovereignty?

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<sup>1</sup> <https://www.nius.de/politik/news/wie-claudia-roth-und-die-gruenen-einen-deutschen-pass-fuer-einen-journalisten-beschaffen-wollten-der-fuer-correctiv-arbeitet/812de464-c801-411f-8e96-195725141dae>