

**Question for written answer E-002430/2024
to the Commission**
Rule 144
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Subject: Withdrawal of protection status upon travel to country of origin

In Germany, there is a growing number of reports of asylum seekers holidaying in their countries of origin and concealing this by means of double-entry visas. They travel to Afghanistan or Syria via another country, most often Türkiye or Iran. In Germany, there is then often no indication that the person has travelled to their country of origin. This is because the double-entry visa is not glued into the passport, but is only a loose slip of paper. This can then easily be removed to conceal the journey.

Apparently, there are also no checks carried out as to where they go on holiday. EU and German law do not provide for the systematic revocation of the protection status of such persons. Under the existing legal framework, authorities often find themselves at a disadvantage in terms of the burden of proof in objection proceedings.

Such incidents put a considerable strain on the level of acceptance by the host society.

1. Are the Commission or the European Migration Network (EMN) aware of reports from other Member States of trips by persons seeking protection to their countries of origin?
2. Does the Commission consider that the protection status of such asylum seekers should be revoked and that they can be systematically denied re-entry into the EU without re-examining their grounds for asylum?
3. What is the Commission doing to support Member States in detecting return trips to the countries of origin?

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