

**Question for written answer E-001874/2025
to the Commission**
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Subject: Possibility of suspending visa-free travel for Georgian citizens because of the threat from organised crime

In recent months, we have seen increased activities by Georgian organised crime groups in Poland and other EU Member States. According to data from the Polish authorities, 3 129 crimes were committed by foreign nationals in 2024, of which 532 were attributed to Georgian nationals. Experts point out that these groups act brutally and indiscriminately, often using firearms and physical violence against their victims.

Georgian citizens enjoy visa-free travel, which allows them to enter the Schengen area for up to 90 days without needing a visa. Unfortunately, some people abuse this privilege to commit crimes, and this poses a serious threat to public security.

In this connection:

1. Is the Commission considering the possibility of temporarily suspending visa-free travel for Georgian citizens if a serious threat to public order and security in the Member States is identified?
2. What monitoring and impact assessment mechanisms are currently applied by the Commission in respect of visa-free countries such as Georgia?
3. Is the Commission planning to introduce additional measures or procedures to prevent abuse of visa-free travel, particularly in connection with the activities of organised crime groups?

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