

**Question for written answer E-002121/2025
to the Commission**
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Subject: Influence of left-wing organisations on the list of safe countries of origin

At his LIBE hearing on 12 May 2025¹, Michael Schotter, Director in the Directorate-General for Migration and Home Affairs (DG HOME), stated that the list of safe countries of origin at EU level is based on recommendations from the EU Asylum Agency, which in turn relies on information from the European External Action Service (EEAS) and UNHCR. The latter in particular increasingly acts as a lobby for a largely barrier-free immigration policy. This casts a doubt over the credibility of the ‘restrictive’ asylum policy announced by Commissioner Brunner. If the advice on policy-making is coming from organisations that are clearly pushing for mass migration, any promises of tightening will prove to be empty. If anything, it seems that Brussels is deliberately trying to replace national lists of safe countries of origin with centralised EU lists in order to ultimately undermine countries’ sustainable restrictive asylum policies.

1. How will the Commission effectively strengthen asylum rules if it continues to seek advice from organisations like the UNHCR, which clearly pursue a mass migration agenda?
2. What other external actors and NGOs currently have a direct or indirect influence on the process of establishing the list of safe countries of origin?
3. Will the Commission take measures to ensure balanced ideological representation among the organisations involved in the process of assessing safe countries of origin in future?

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¹ https://multimedia.europarl.europa.eu/en/webstreaming/libe-committee-meeting_20250512-1500-COMMITTEE-LIBE