

Question for written answer E-002246/2025
to the Commission
Rule 144
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Subject: Travel ban on patriotic activists as a flagrant breach of the law – criminalisation of people advocating for remigration

On 15 May 2025, German police at Munich airport blocked patriotic activists from flying to Italy to attend the Remigration Summit in Milan. Those concerned were not subject to criminal charges, and the justification given – citing a supposed threat to Germany’s image – is without foundation. This arbitrary restriction of the right to free movement enshrined in Article 21 TFEU has echoes of Stasi tactics and undermines trust in the basic principles of the rule of law.

As with the labelling of the AfD as ‘extreme right’ – a label that infringes fundamental rights – here too, political beliefs are being used as grounds for state repression: young people campaigning peacefully for orderly migration are being treated like criminals – greeted with machine guns, detained for hours and terrorised. The mere suspicion of participation in a legal, anti-migration event in another EU Member State was sufficient to ride roughshod over fundamental rights. At a time when migrants are illegally crossing borders every day without consequence, a crackdown is being waged against anti-government patriots.

1. What steps is the Commission taking to prevent the right to free movement enshrined in Article 21 TFEU from being curbed on political grounds?
2. What does it make of the German authorities acting with no basis in criminal law to block EU citizens from travelling?
3. Is it considering opening an investigation to determine whether the actions of the German authorities infringed fundamental rights?

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