

**Question for written answer E-002045/2026/rev.1
to the Commission**
Rule 144
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Subject: Mass regularisation of migrants in Spain and implications for the Schengen area and the internal security of the EU

According to recent reports, Spain is putting forward measures to regularise up to 500,000 migrants by granting them legal residency status and access to the labour market¹. Since beneficiaries are being granted residency in a Member State within the Schengen area, this development is likely to have a wider impact on secondary movement and on the internal security of the Union. The Schengen area functions based on mutual trust and the uniform application of asylum and migration rules, in particular Directive 2011/95/EU (Qualification Directive), which lays down common criteria for granting international protection². Significant variations in national policies may put uneven pressure on Member States and affect the system's cohesion.

In view of the above, can the Commission answer the following:

1. Are there indications that such practices affect internal security or the balance between Member States?
2. Does the Commission intend to ask Spain for specific information on identity, security and public order checks prior to permits being granted, as well as on the monitoring or return to Spain of beneficiaries who may move illegally to other Member States?

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¹ <https://apnews.com/article/ec1b8c64fb89b348ee4b394b55a94cbe>

² <https://eur-lex.europa.eu/legal-content/EL/TXT/?uri=CELEX:32011L0095>