

**Question for written answer E-003108/2026/rev.1
to the Commission**
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Subject: Surrogacy

Surrogacy is a medically complex process that can entail a number of risks and side effects. Before the pregnancy can begin, hormonal treatment and artificial insemination are required. Both of these procedures can also be associated with significant side effects. The psychological, ethical, legal, financial and emotional implications of surrogacy should also be emphasised. Just recently, the UN Special Rapporteur on violence against women called for a global ban. The EU has already included the exploitation of surrogacy in its anti-trafficking directive – alongside slavery, sexual exploitation, illegal adoption and forced marriage. It referred to the need to care for victims, including through the provision of medical treatment and psychological and psychiatric assistance.

Nevertheless, according to media reports, Germany's Commissioner of the Federal Government for Drug Policy and the country's former Health Minister both recently used companies organising surrogacy in the US to have a child, as – unlike in the US – surrogacy is prohibited in Germany. Some media outlets have described their actions as 'baby buying'.

1. What is the Commission's position on the medical, psychological, ethical, financial and legal implications of surrogacy?
2. Does the Commission intend to take measures to put a stop to this form of human trafficking in general?

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