

**Question for written answer E-003635/2026
to the Commission**
Rule 144
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Subject: Is the Commission treating non-European immigration as a demographic adjustment variable?

The EUROPOP2025 projections published by Eurostat predict that, between 2025 and 2100, the European Union will experience a natural demographic deficit of around 156.7 million people, offset in part by cumulative net migration of 103.7 million. Alternative scenarios also indicate that the model incorporates a ‘replacement migration’ mechanism designed to offset part of the decline in the working-age population. At the same time, Eurostat emphasises that this immigration neither halts the ageing of the population nor provides a sustainable solution to the demographic imbalance¹.

Can the Commission clarify:

1. whether it considers that increased reliance on non-European immigration constitutes a long-term policy objective to offset the Union’s demographic decline?
2. which studies demonstrate that this strategy would be more effective than an ambitious policy to support birth rates and labour market participation among European citizens?

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¹ Eurostat, ‘Population projections in the EU’, EUROPOP2025, 16 April 2025.