

**Priority question for written answer P-000889/2024  
to the Commission**

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Subject: Reforming the Free Movement Directive

Freedom of movement is a central component of EU cooperation. Unfortunately, that freedom is currently being abused by criminal networks. It can be seen that 70% of criminal networks are active in more than three Member States.

In those instances, freedom of movement becomes a tool for forces that threaten our society – contrary to the objectives on which EU cooperation is based.

A completely new approach is needed to what freedom of movement is and how it should be applied. The EU's Free Movement Directive should be amended accordingly so as to allow deportation for criminal offences in more cases and to restrict the free movement of criminals by denying them entry to a country where they have committed an offence.

In the light of this, does the Commission intend to amend the Free Movement Directive in order to prevent criminals from continuing to abuse freedom of movement?

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