

Question for written answer E-014806/2015
to the Commission
Rule 130
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Subject: Identification of migrants

According to an online publication¹, the **French Justice Minister, Christiane Taubira**, has told *Le Monde* newspaper that the passport found near one of the perpetrators of the bloody attack in Paris who is confirmed to have passed through Leros on 3 October is a fake.

The fact is that the authorities of the countries through which migrants are entering the EU are unable to identify new arrivals, either because these migrants have no documents proving their identity or because they refuse to be fingerprinted or else because it takes too long to identify them.

However, there are plenty of facial recognition systems, where the identification of a person, or the confirmation of his or her identity, occurs by means of digital photography or film, by checking selected facial features of an individual against a facial database.

The database can be updated with information and data from many sources, such as the national security authorities of Member States, EUROPOL, the secret services, etc. In addition, the Internet has a huge amount of photos and films of ISIS jihadis and fighters.

In light of the above, can the Commission say:

- Will it equip migrant reception authorities in Member States and hot spots with such systems?

¹ <http://www.zougla.gr/kosmos/article/galikes-arxes-plasto-to-diavatirio-tis-lerou>