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## ROUMANIAN ID COUNTERFEIT "BROKEN-SCEPTER" SERIES

### 📄 General Information

31 **counterfeit Romanian identity cards** with the same characteristics have been detected at airports in Nederland (21), Switzerland (4), France (3), Norway (2) and Finland (1) since April 2021.

The holders of these documents are mostly intercepted at airports, arriving from **Athens, Milano, Prague** or **Vienna** for instance. They are mostly of **Turkish** or **Syrian** nationality and some of them have requested asylum.

The documents are totally printed in **inkjet**.

Regarding investigative information collected in **Switzerland**, two holders of these documents left **Turkey/Syria** and moved to **Athens** where they **bought their counterfeit Romanian identity card** (EUR 4'000.-). They then flew to Switzerland. Therefore, The **forger and/or criminal network** providing these documents could be located in **Athens**. The BROKEN-SCEPTER series has a potential relevance of a **joint investigation**. It would be interesting to share existing **investigative information** about encountered **similar cases** in different countries.

### 🔍 Rapid identification elements



- **Absence of an apostrophe** on "CARTE D IDENTITE" in blue in the upper left part (illustration 1)
- **Blue spot** under "Valabilitat" between the first "l" and the second "a" (illustration 2)
- **Guilloches** have many **interruptions** (they look a bit like fingerprint ridges). On the secondary photograph, guilloches make up a slope from left to right, whereas around this photograph, they are rather vertical (illustration 3)
- The **handle of the scepter** (held by the foot of the eagle on the right) **seems to be "broken"** in the middle and there're **black spots** around the eagle's leg (illustration 4)
- The **font** of the name, first name and date of birth **in the MRZ is incorrect** and is the same as the "Name" and "First name" fields next to the photograph (illustration 5)
- The **font** of the fields "Place of birth" and "Address" **looks like Times New Roman**, and is different from the font of the other fields (illustration 6)
- **Absence of the crown** on the eagle (should be present from 2017 on)

## Measures

If such documents are detected :

- Sequestration & information to the Swiss authorities