

**Question for written answer E-002104/2024/rev.1
to the Commission**
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Subject: Türkiye's suspicious role in the illegal migration issue

Türkiye's hefty security forces are being remarkably selective. While on full alert they avert illegal entries into Türkiye, they seem to systematically 'ignore' the numerous vessels transporting hosts of illegal migrants – most of them young Muslim men – from Turkish to Greek shores on a daily basis, violating Greek law and creating serious security problems for Greece and the EU.

These trips take place under the tolerant eye if not the guidance of the Turkish authorities. Illegal migrants enter Türkiye without requiring an entry visa for their trip, with the intention of illegally entering the EU. The criminal organisations that traffic the migrants from Türkiye to Greece make the crossing in return for a fee.

What is truly outrageous is the fact that Türkiye receives copious amounts of money from the EU to deal with the problem while all the while being complicit in the invasion of the EU and acting as the biggest trafficker.

In view of this:

1. Does the Commission not consider that sanctions should be imposed on Türkiye in light of its behaviour, which is harming Greek and common European interests alike, as well as threatening national and social cohesion in the EU?
2. Will it redirect the funds being given to Türkiye to deal with illegal migration, to instead support first entry countries for a more effective prevention of illegal entries?

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