

**Question for written answer E-002105/2024
to the Commission**
Rule 144
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Subject: Tackling illegal immigration at the EU's external borders

Greece, Italy and Spain are the parts of Europe's external borders most under pressure from the invasion of illegal immigrants.

The EU's policy on this issue is absurd on two counts. First of all, it does not treat the borders of Member States as EU borders, which must be defended collectively. Secondly, EU funds are being used to finance and support illegal immigration through housing benefits, allowances and the prospect of regularisation of entry and residency, thereby attracting millions of illegal immigrants aspiring to come to Europe.

Illegal immigrants can only be deterred through the abolition of privileges and detention in closed centres in isolated places, within or outside EU borders, until their expulsion or voluntary departure, by means of international agreements.

In light of the above:

1. When and how will the Commission ensure that the external borders of all countries are regarded as inviolable borders throughout the EU and which current or future instruments will it use to defend them from the actions of smugglers and their clients?
2. Will the Commission ensure that alluring benefits for illegal immigrants are put to an end and that such immigrants will be detained until their expulsion or voluntary departure?

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