

**Priority question for written answer P-000902/2024
to the Commission**

Rule 138

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Subject: Re-evaluation of the current situation in Syria based on the assessment by the EU Agency for Asylum

Taking into consideration the relevant assessment by the EU Agency for Asylum that indicates specific areas in Syria as safe, and considering that Cyprus is experiencing an unprecedented dramatic increase in illegal arrivals, mostly Syrians coming from Lebanon, resulting in five times more migrants in Cyprus than any other frontline Member State, we ask the Commission:

1. Does it intend to re-evaluate, as a matter of urgency, the current situation in Syria, along with the protection status of Syrians, also taking into account the new realities on the ground and the serious negative effects that the continuation of the current policy have on EU, as well as to examine the possible designation of certain areas in Syria as safe in accordance with the EU Agency for Asylum, even in the form of a pilot project initially?
2. How is Frontex engaging in the area and how does it plan to actively support Lebanon, which is hosting hundreds of thousands of refugees and has difficulties coping, in line with how the EU responds to other countries in the region in similar situations?

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