

**Question for written answer E-001756/2024
to the Commission**
Rule 144
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Subject: Consequences of Germany's decision to close its borders to Member States, and in particular to Greece

Germany is effectively abolishing the Schengen Treaty and closing its borders from midnight on 16 September 2024 in order to combat illegal immigration and the Islamist threat. The Minister for the Interior herself, Ms Nancy Faeser, has explained that the purpose of the move is to protect German citizens from the risks posed by Islamist terrorism and serious cross-border crime. Germany's decision has provoked reactions throughout Europe, particularly in host countries such as Greece.

Since the consequences of Germany's sudden decision to close its borders are dangerous for Greece, can the Commission answer the following:

1. If Germany abolishes the Schengen Treaty by closing its borders, why should Greece, a country hosting hundreds of thousands of illegal immigrants, not do the same, using all available means of dissuasion to shield its borders and hence the European Union from a fresh invasion?
2. Is there any plan to review the Dublin Regulation so that the unequal share-out of the burden is addressed more effectively, especially for countries like Greece that are taking in increased flows?
3. Does the EU plan to conclude transnational agreements as a bloc with countries outside its borders, so that illegal immigrants in Member States are transferred to third countries as soon as possible?

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