

**Question for written answer E-002747/2024/rev.1
to the Commission**
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Subject: Strained state of affairs around migration in the Basque Country

The Basque Country is facing an unprecedented state of affairs with regard to migration. In mainland Spain, we are the region that receives the highest proportion of migrants, up there with the Canary Islands. In view of the large-scale and unforeseeable growth in demand, the province of Bizkaia has exceptionally introduced reception arrangements that are not included in Basque Decree No 131/2008 of 8 July 2008 on residential care resources for children and adolescents without social protection.

The Basque Country is a transit hub for migrants travelling to Europe and has a different set of circumstances to other Spanish autonomous communities. That is why we are calling for recognition (on a par with that of the Canary Islands, Ceuta and Melilla) as the northern border.

We need to have a social and educational plan in place that helps the minors arriving to integrate, but this is very complicated with things as they are at the moment.

1. Is the Commission aware of what the Basque Country is experiencing?
2. What could the Commission do to help put our region on an equal footing with other Spanish autonomous communities with regard to the arrival and reception of unaccompanied minors?

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