

Question for written answer E-002749/2024
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Subject: European evacuation preparedness for EU citizens in crisis and war zones

Given the increasing threat of crises and conflicts in our neighbourhood and worldwide, the protection and evacuation of EU citizens has become a matter of priority for many Member States. Current events in Lebanon and Sudan, where EU citizens are present, highlight the importance of responding effectively.

Despite existing EU mechanisms for crisis response, some Member States, such as Sweden, have chosen to withdraw from their responsibility to ensure the evacuation of their citizens, including children. We have to make the safety of EU citizens a common objective for all Member States.

1. How effective does the Commission view the current EU crisis mechanisms for the evacuation of EU citizens from war and conflict zones?
2. Can the Commission provide details on the current protocols and any potential improvements to strengthen these mechanisms in the light of the changing global security landscape?
3. In the Commission's view, what steps should Member States take in 2025 to enhance the coordination and implementation of joint European evacuation plans for EU citizens in crisis and war zones, and is the Commission prepared to present a new strategy to ensure the safety of all our citizens, even when Member States refuse or fail to act?

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