

Question for written answer E-002939/2024

to the Commission

Rule 144

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Subject: The role of local and regional authorities in implementing the Pact on Migration and Asylum

Local and regional authorities often have important migration management tasks, such as receiving asylum seekers, finding housing for them and assisting with their integration. With the Pact on Migration and Asylum, their role will only increase. It is therefore important for local and regional authorities to be well-prepared for the implementation of the pact, and to have sufficient infrastructure, capacity and means to this end, as also pointed out by the Committee of the Regions¹.

By 12 December 2024, the Member States should have communicated their national implementation plans to the Commission.

Given the foregoing:

1. Does the Commission agree that local and regional active involvement and support is essential for the proper implementation of the pact on the ground, in both the short and long term, and that the Member States' national implementation plans should therefore include a strong focus on the local and regional dimensions?
2. Has the Commission met or been in contact with local and regional authorities in the context of implementing the pact? If so, with which authorities? If not, why not?
3. How will the Commission assess to what extent the Member States have consulted local and regional authorities and included their input and perspectives in their national implementation plans?

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¹ Opinion of the Committee of the Regions entitled 'Common Implementation Plan for the Pact on Migration and Asylum: The Local and Regional Perspective', <https://cor.europa.eu/en/news/landmark-migration-reforms-need-more-local-input>.