

Question for written answer E-000070/2025
to the Commission
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Subject: Operation of Pre-Removal Detention Centres in Albania and the impact on the EU

Italy and Albania have signed an agreement on the creation of two Pre-Removal Detention Centres (PRDCs). After examination of their asylum applications – within 28 days of the date of submission – migrants who have received a positive reply will be transferred to Italy, while the rest will be deported to their country of origin or the country from which they arrived. It is estimated that over a period of five years the operation of the PRDCs will cost more than EUR 1 billion, and this amount will be covered by the Italian budget. This agreement raises questions regarding its harmonisation with the principles of the Common European Asylum Policy and the EU's general migration policy.

In view of this:

1. What is the Commission's assessment of the operation of PRDCs in Albania, from the point of view of the principles of the Common European Asylum System?
2. What measures does the Commission intend to take to protect the human rights of asylum seekers in PRDCs, while at the same time ensuring the economic viability of these centres for the Member States?
3. How does the Commission explain the fact that Italy is signing such agreements while demanding that Greece should have no closed detention centres?

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