

**Question for written answer E-001238/2025/rev.1
to the Commission**
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Subject: EU support for Spanish regions overwhelmed by high migratory pressure

The migratory pressure on Spain remains high and several regions are reportedly overwhelmed¹. Last year, the Canary Islands saw an 18 % increase in arrivals to almost 47 000, the highest figure since Frontex began collecting data². The Canary Islands received 73.22 % of the total irregular arrivals to Spain³. Furthermore, nearly 6 000 migrants arrived in the Balearic Islands during 2024, almost three times the number compared with the previous year⁴. The situation is alarming, with several regions lacking the necessary support from the national government to properly manage it.

In September last year, it was reported that Frontex stood ready to offer support to Spain in managing the situation in the Canary Islands, should the government request it. However, it is not clear what the current situation is with regard to the several regions in Spain facing record levels of migratory pressure.

1. What is needed to step up EU support for these regions and which specific EU measures could be considered?
2. Which specific measures require a prior request from Spanish authorities?

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¹ <https://www.infomigrants.net/en/post/62050/spain-more-migrant-arrivals-regions-overwhelmed>.

² <https://www.frontex.europa.eu/media-centre/news/news-release/irregular-border-crossings-into-eu-drop-sharply-in-2024-oqpweX>.

³ <https://www.rtve.es/noticias/20250102/2024-roza-record-llegadas-irregulares-63970-migrantes-ano/16393412.shtml>.

⁴ <https://www.infomigrants.net/en/post/62050/spain-more-migrant-arrivals-regions-overwhelmed#:~:text=Nearly%206%2C000%20migrants%20arrived%20in,compared%20with%202%2C278>