

**Question for written answer E-001852/2025
to the Commission**
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Subject: Frontloading elements of the EU asylum and migration package on the basis of a completely inadequate EU list of safe countries of origin

On 16 April 2025, the Commission announced the frontloading of elements of the asylum and migration package adopted in 2024, which was originally not due to come into force until June 2026. The announcement does not represent systemic change, however; rather, it is merely a pusillanimous attempt to appease the EU's increasingly incensed population. For one thing, the planned accelerated procedures at external borders are utterly toothless, as they are restricted to countries of origin for which the cross-EU recognition rate is below 20%; and, for another, the published EU list of safe countries of origin is alarmingly incomplete and ignores changed geopolitical realities. Large countries that export asylum seekers and crime, such as Syria or Afghanistan, will therefore remain completely unaffected by the measures. In addition, the involvement of questionable non-governmental organisations in the assessment procedure for classifying safe countries of origin does not suggest that there will be an end any time soon to illegal mass migration to Europe.

1. What tangible effects does the Commission expect from the frontloading of elements of the EU asylum and migration package if those elements do not affect the largest migrant groups at all?
2. How does the Commission intend to prevent illegal migrants from countries that are not affected by accelerated procedures or the list of safe countries of origin from continuing to profit from protracted procedures and from ultimately remaining in the EU permanently?
3. Which non-governmental organisations are specifically involved in the assessment procedure for classifying safe countries of origin?

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