

Question for written answer E-003030/2025

to the Commission

Rule 144

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Subject: Massive surge in irregular arrivals to Greek islands and the adequacy of the EU's legal and policy framework

According to recent reports by *Politico*, over 9 000 individuals have arrived illegally on the Greek island of Crete from Libya since the beginning of 2025 – nearly double the total number recorded in 2024, with the majority arriving in recent weeks.

1. Can the Commission confirm the accuracy of these figures, and does it possess comparable data on illegal arrivals to other Greek islands, including the islands in the Aegean Sea?
2. In the light of such developments, does the Commission consider the EU's current Pact on Migration and Asylum sufficiently capable of managing large-scale maritime arrivals, or does it acknowledge the need to reconsider elements of the broader international legal framework, including possible amendments to the 1951 Geneva Convention?
3. Would the Commission support proposals to declare inadmissible all asylum applications submitted within EU territory by nationals of countries designated as safe non-EU countries, and instead allow access to protection through external processing, such as in embassies or consular posts abroad?

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