

**Question for written answer E-003211/2025
to the Commission**
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Subject: Returns of illegal immigrants from Germany to Greece

According to official data and reports in the European and Greek press, Germany, with the consent of the European Commission, has launched a pilot programme for the return of illegal immigrants who have passed through Greece but then headed to German territory, seeking better living conditions.

While the plan is presented as ‘voluntary’, the provisions for escalation to mandatory returns raise questions as to the pressure that will be exerted once again on Greece, which remains a frontline country. This practice undermines the fundamental responsibility of the EU for fair burden-sharing among the Member States.

In view of the above, the Commission is asked:

1. On what legal basis and with what institutional coverage is the programme for the return of illegal immigrants from Germany to Greece being implemented?
2. What measures has the Commission taken to avoid the creation of a model in which richer countries ‘repatriate’ illegal immigrants to poorer ones, without a mechanism of equivalence or lawful transfer of responsibility?

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