

**Question for written answer E-003277/2025
to the Commission**

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Subject: Magnus Brunner, Commissioner for Home Affairs and Migration, issued with an embarrassing entry ban in Libya, a country receiving well over EUR 700 million in EU funding

On 8 July 2025, a high-level EU delegation led by the Commissioner for Home Affairs and Migration, Magnus Brunner, travelled to Libya for talks to discuss the significantly increased irregular migration. However, on arrival at the airport, the delegation was denied entry and Magnus Brunner was declared a persona non grata – an unprecedented diplomatic scandal on the international stage¹.

The fact that the Commissioner responsible was issued with an entry ban in one of the countries that receives the most EU funding is symbolic of the complete failure of European migration policy. In fact, from 2015 to 2021 alone, the EU transferred around EUR 700 million to Libya. The sum is now much higher – without curbing illegal migration, achieving political stability or enforcing fundamental human rights. Once again, European taxpayers' money is disappearing without any effect, having in any case been used for a fundamentally wrong strategy. Instead of paying corrupt or unstable countries outside Europe to prevent migration, the EU must finally carry out its homework itself and invest in its own external border protection.

1. How does the Commission view the entry ban imposed by Libyan authorities on Magnus Brunner, Commissioner for Home Affairs and Migration, despite the high levels of EU funding?
2. What specific consequences has the Commission drawn from the entry ban issued and is it planning to stop EU funding?
3. How does the Commission intend to cooperate with Libya on migration in future if the Commissioner responsible is considered a persona non grata?

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¹ <https://de.euronews.com/my-europe/2025/07/08/eu-migrationskommissar-brunner-aus-libyen-ausgewiesen>