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Subject: The deportation to Albania of detainees with severe mental health problems held in Italian pre-removal centres

The Italian Parliament's inspections of the country's pre-removal centre (CPR) in Gjadër (Albania) have revealed that a number of people had been transferred there even though it was obvious that they had psychiatric issues. There are reports of similar incidents in CPRs in Italy, the latest of which concerns a citizen who was detained for seven months in Milan before being deported to Albania¹, a move which further curtails his right to access healthcare.

Data from the Italian Government² show that, between May and October, more than 13 % of CPR detainees were released on health grounds, in many cases only a few days after arrival.

These transfers raise major concerns about whether the the principle of equal treatment and the detainees' fundamental rights are being upheld.

In the light of the above:

1. Is the Commission aware of the transfer of people with psychiatric issues to Albania and the criteria on which these decisions are based?
2. Does it consider that transferring people with mental health problems to Albania and detaining them in CPRs there is a course of action which complies with the Charter of Fundamental Rights of the European Union and EU law?
3. What measures will the Commission take to make sure that vulnerable people are neither detained in conditions that are likely to aggravate their mental health problems nor transferred to facilities outside the European Union?

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¹ <https://www.editorialedomani.it/fatti/farmaci-abusi-suicidi-cpr-nuovi-manicomi-centri-migranti-peppe-dellacqua-qexj94pw?sfnsn=scwspwa>.

² See the Prefecture of Rome's reply of 10.11.2025 to the document access request submitted by Cecilia Strada MEP and Rachele Scarpa MP.

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