

Question for written answer E-003182/2026
to the Commission
Rule 144
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Subject: Repeated mass illegal crossings into Ceuta

Recent reports indicate that thousands of illegal migrants have reached the Spanish exclave of Ceuta in recent days, with a majority reportedly swimming from Moroccan beaches into this territory¹. Far from being an isolated incident, this is just the latest in a series of major migration crises affecting Ceuta in recent years.

These repeated incidents call into question the effectiveness of the EU's migration cooperation with Morocco, which has received hundreds of millions of euro through EU funding for migration management, border control and the fight against migrant smuggling.

1. In the light of these repeated mass illegal crossings, does the Commission consider that Morocco is fulfilling its commitments to prevent and significantly reduce illegal departures from its territory and to combat migrant smuggling?
2. Will the Commission make future financial assistance conditional upon Morocco delivering measurable reductions in illegal departures towards the EU?
3. What specific measures will the Commission take to strengthen the external border in Ceuta?

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¹ <https://www.reuters.com/world/europe/thousands-migrants-cross-into-spains-ceuta-foot-efe-reports-2026-07-30/>.