

**Question for written answer E-003351/2026
to the Commission**

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Subject: Urgent enhancement of maritime surveillance, European cooperation to tackle the use of high-powered vessels by criminal human and drug trafficking networks

Following the recent invasion by immigrants in Ceuta, further arrivals on the Spanish coast on fast boats used by criminal networks to illicitly carry people and drugs from North Africa show that migratory pressure and mafia activity continue. Sánchez's government has been unable to provide an impactful response.

Over summer 2026, landings have occurred on beaches in Murcia and Andalusia, even in busy areas and in the middle of the day. Mostly coming from the Algerian coast, the vessels are equipped with high-powered engines, reach the Spanish coast in a few hours, land and then go back, making them difficult to detect and intercept. Representatives of agents on the ground have reported weaknesses in the Spanish maritime surveillance systems.

These situations raise obvious questions about the Spanish Government's ability to properly protect an EU external border and deliver on its commitments under the European Pact on Migration and Asylum.

In view of the above:

1. What does the Commission make of Spain's management and the resources it has deployed?
2. Does it believe that the Spanish Government should urgently ramp up its capacities?
3. How does the Commission intend to demand and support a response that works?

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