

**Question for written answer E-003504/2026
to the Commission
Rule 144
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Subject: Inhumane living conditions at the Sintiki refugee facility in Serres

On 22 and 29 August, incidents and complaints by refugees and migrants were noted at the Controlled Access Facility for the Temporary Reception of Asylum Seekers in Sintiki.

The facility is bursting at the seams, there are problems with the water supply, there is no air conditioning despite heatwave-like conditions, a lack of basic hygiene measures and cruel treatment by the police.

In view of the above, can the Commission answer the following:

1. Where does it stand on the request to immediately close the prison-like facility in Sintiki, Serres, along with all corresponding structures in Greece, to stop the prolonged detention and imprisonment of migrants and refugees and to ensure humane reception and living conditions for asylum seekers in open temporary accommodation spaces, with asylum examination procedures based on the Geneva Convention relating to the Status of Refugees and safe travel to their intended countries of destination?
2. Where does it stand on the fact that events such as those witnessed at Sintiki are caused by the provisions of the 'EU Pact on Migration and Asylum', which provides for fast-track asylum rejection procedures for applicants at the border and their subsequent lock-in in their first host country, while retaining the criterion of responsibility of the first country of entry, as well as the arrangements for the barbaric deportation of asylum seekers to third countries, also known as 'return hubs'?
3. Where does it stand on the fact that the 'Pact's' fake 'solidarity mechanism', has been proven to involve the shared repression of uprooted people, with funding as 'compensation' to Member States for entrapment in prison structures, the provision of equipment for border crackdowns, and the strengthening of Frontex-style repressive mechanisms?

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