

**Question for written answer E-003843/2026/rev.1
to the Commission**

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Subject: Commissioner Magnus Brunner praises EU, Spain and Morocco for their work relating to the migration crisis in Ceuta

In an interview published in the ‘Kurier’ newspaper on 8 September 2026, Magnus Brunner, the Commissioner for Internal Affairs and Migration, stated that Spain had done a good job in relation to the Ceuta migration crisis and that the EU had passed this difficult test. According to him, the cooperation with Morocco, whose security forces merely directed the flow of illegal migrants onwards, had supposedly also worked well.¹²

In view of what actually happened in Ceuta, these statements by Commissioner Brunner, which are somewhat detached from reality, raise significant questions about the assessment of the migration situation there, the effectiveness of European migration policy and the shared political responsibility of the Commission. In particular, the question arises as to how the Commission can arrive at such a positive assessment, even though the events raise significant doubts about the effectiveness with which Europe’s external borders are controlled and about the cooperation with Morocco.

1. What is the factual basis for the Commission’s assessment of the events in Ceuta as a success for Spain and as a difficult test that the EU has passed, even though tens of thousands of migrants were able to breach the EU’s external border without difficulty?
2. How does the Commission justify the statement that the cooperation with Morocco ‘worked well’, when the Moroccan security forces failed to keep the massive flow of migrants away from the EU’s external border in an effective way and instead even directed them towards Ceuta?

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¹ <https://kurier.at/politik/ausland/brunner-migration-kommissar-rueckkehrzentren-libyen/403188524>.

² <https://www.heute.at/s/abschiebelager-in-afrika-das-plant-eu-mit-migranten-120249145>.