

**Priority question for written answer P-001468/2024
to the Commission**
Rule 144
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Subject: Serious human rights violations in Greek detention centres and general impunity for violations at the EU's external borders

Amnesty International has reported¹ serious rights violations at the EU-funded Samos reception centre, while the European Union Agency for Fundamental Rights (FRA) alleges² a general lack of consequences from documented rights violations around the EU's external borders. This paints a picture of discrimination and lawlessness rather than the promised dignity and security. Under the recently adopted Pact on Migration and Asylum³, Member States are required to adapt to the new systems in place while the Commission is supposed to assist and monitor them.

1. Do the prevailing conditions, such as detention or deprivation of liberty of both asylum seekers and returnees, comply with new standards set by the pact or are changes in legislation and practice required to implement the rules and if so, what specifically needs to be done by Greece?
2. Do the systems in place in Greek reception centres on the Aegean islands apply vulnerability checks and age-assessment procedures as envisaged under the new pact and if not, what steps are missing from the system?
3. Are Member States' fundamental rights monitoring mechanisms in line with the expectations of the pact and, if so, in which specific Member States are the mechanisms sufficient?

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¹ <https://www.amnesty.org/en/latest/news/2024/07/greece-unlawful-detention-on-samos-must-not-become-the-blueprint-for-the-eu-migration-pact/>.

² <https://fra.europa.eu/en/publication/2024/guidance-investigating-alleged-ill-treatment-borders>.

³ https://home-affairs.ec.europa.eu/policies/migration-and-asylum/pact-migration-and-asylum_en.