

(English version)

**Question for written answer E-002939/24
to the Commission
Raquel García Hermida-Van Der Walle (Renew)
(13 December 2024)**

Subject: The role of local and regional authorities in implementing the Pact on Migration and Asylum

Local and regional authorities often have important migration management tasks, such as receiving asylum seekers, finding housing for them and assisting with their integration. With the Pact on Migration and Asylum, their role will only increase. It is therefore important for local and regional authorities to be well-prepared for the implementation of the pact, and to have sufficient infrastructure, capacity and means to this end, as also pointed out by the Committee of the Regions ⁽¹⁾.

By 12 December 2024, the Member States should have communicated their national implementation plans to the Commission.

Given the foregoing:

1. Does the Commission agree that local and regional active involvement and support is essential for the proper implementation of the pact on the ground, in both the short and long term, and that the Member States' national implementation plans should therefore include a strong focus on the local and regional dimensions?
2. Has the Commission met or been in contact with local and regional authorities in the context of implementing the pact? If so, with which authorities? If not, why not?
3. How will the Commission assess to what extent the Member States have consulted local and regional authorities and included their input and perspectives in their national implementation plans?

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**Answer given by Mr Brunner on behalf of the European Commission
(19 March 2025)**

The Commission supports the principle of integrated policy making, also referred to in Article 3 of the Asylum and Migration Management Regulation (AMMR) ⁽¹⁾.

As stressed in its communication on a Common Implementation Plan for the Pact on Migration and Asylum, the Commission encourages Member States to engage and make use of local and regional authorities and other stakeholders, through regular exchanges and consultation ⁽²⁾.

The template for the National Implementation Plans, annexed to the Common Implementation Plan, includes a section on governance and interinstitutional cooperation also for this purpose.

For details relating to the different elements of the Pact of relevance to regional authorities, the Commission also refers the Honourable Member to its forthcoming reply to the opinion of the European Committee of the Regions on the Implementation of the Pact on Migration and Asylum ⁽³⁾.

The Commission is in regular contact with various stakeholders in relation to the implementation of the Pact. This also includes representatives of regional authorities where relevant or requested.

The Commission monitors the Common Implementation Plan and the National Implementation Plans, based on its responsibilities under the AMMR and will regularly report to the European Parliament and Council on the state of play.

¹ Opinion of the Committee of the Regions entitled 'Common Implementation Plan for the Pact on Migration and Asylum: The Local and Regional Perspective', <https://cor.europa.eu/en/news/landmark-migration-reforms-need-more-local-input>.

⁽¹⁾ <https://eur-lex.europa.eu/eli/reg/2024/1351/oj/eng>

⁽²⁾ https://home-affairs.ec.europa.eu/common-implementation-plan-pact-migration-and-asylum_en

⁽³⁾ <https://cor.europa.eu/en/our-work/opinions/cdr-2717-2024>