

(English version)

**Question for written answer E-000603/25
to the Commission
Fabio De Masi (NI)
(10 February 2025)**

Subject: Planned return hubs

With which third countries has the Commission already held discussions on the planned return hubs ⁽¹⁾?

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**Answer given by Mr Brunner on behalf of the European Commission
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The legislative proposal for a regulation establishing a common system for the return of third-country nationals staying illegally in the Union ⁽¹⁾, adopted by the Commission on 11 March 2025, introduces the possibility to return illegally staying third-country nationals to a ‘return hub’ (Article 17 of the proposal). Legislative negotiations on this proposal are ongoing. The Commission has not held discussions with third countries on return hubs.

¹ ¹<https://www.diepresse.com/19334192/kritik-an-geplanten-abschiebezentren-der-eu-kommission>

⁽¹⁾ Proposal for a regulation of the European Parliament and of the Council establishing a common system for the return of third-country nationals staying illegally in the Union, and repealing Directive 2008/115/EC of the European Parliament and the Council, Council Directive 2001/40/EC and Council Decision 2004/191/EC, COM/2025/101 final.