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**Question for written answer E-002539/25
to the Commission**

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Subject: Is the Commission funding the establishment of reception and support centres for unaccompanied foreign ‘minors’?

At a time when France’s negligence in failing to protect its children has been criticised ⁽¹⁾, owing to the proliferation of prostitution, drug trafficking and Islamism in homes for minors, the necessary resources to curb these scourges are not being provided by the state and local authorities.

The French authorities, however, are allocating ever more human and financial resources to opening reception and support centres for unaccompanied foreigners who claim to be minors, such as the recently established facilities in Dol-de-Bretagne, in Ille-et-Vilaine ⁽²⁾.

1. Is the Commission making a contribution towards the funding of these centres for unaccompanied foreign ‘minors’?
2. If so, how much EU funding is being provided?
3. What would the Commission do to ensure that these alleged foreign minors are returned to their home countries as quickly as possible?

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Answer given by Mr Brunner on behalf of the European Commission
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The Asylum, Migration and Integration Fund (AMIF) ⁽¹⁾ is providing EUR 964.4 million to France for the period 2021-2027 to support migration and asylum management. National authorities allocate these funds based on the priorities defined in the area of asylum, migration and return.

The Common Provisions Regulation ⁽²⁾ and the AMIF Regulation do not require Member States to provide operational details detailing whether a specific reception centre is co-financed by EU funds.

Support to unaccompanied minors can be part of projects aimed at improving reception infrastructure, ensuring access to asylum procedures, or providing targeted support to vulnerable applicants.

On 11 March 2025, the Commission proposed a new Regulation on return to create a more coherent and efficient system for the return of third-country nationals not allowed to stay in the EU ⁽³⁾.

The proposal introduces new rules to facilitate the age assessment of minors, similar to those established in the context of asylum procedure and ensures the respect of the best interests of the child.

The Commission will continue to monitor the implementation of EU asylum and return laws to ensure Member States protect those entitled to it, while applying return procedures fully in line with EU and international standards.

¹ https://www.bvoltaire.fr/20-000-enfants-prostitues-leffrayant-bilan-de-laide-sociale-a-lenfance/?fsp_sid=592

² <https://www.letelegramme.fr/ille-et-vilaine/saint-malo-35400/une-preference-etrangere-scandaleuse-le-centre-de-mineurs-isoles-a-dol-de-bretagne-fait-reagir-le-rassemblement-national-6831560.php>

⁽¹⁾ Regulation (EU) 2021/1147.

⁽²⁾ Regulation (EU) 2021/1060.

⁽³⁾ 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.