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Question for written answer E-005031/25
to the Commission
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(19 December 2025)

Subject: Unacceptable interference in the sovereignty and security of Member States through the compulsory solidarity and relocation mechanism

At the latest meeting of the LIBE Committee on 14 December, Migration Commissioner Magnus Brunner said ‘the pact is not perfect, it needs improvements and adaptations’. He made similar remarks during the debate in Parliament on 12 November, also referring to the need to rebuild trust ⁽¹⁾. At the same time, the Commission is pushing for the implementation of the Pact despite resistance from Member States.

It is unacceptable for countries which want to protect their citizens and their national identity in a responsible manner and refuse to take in irregular migrants to be attacked by the Commission and pressured into adopting the dire solutions it is imposing. This is a violation of the democratic choices made by citizens, who overwhelmingly oppose the Pact.

Unclear algorithms and the non-transparent, discretionary system for assessing migratory pressure set up by Commission officials have nothing to do with building trust. The coercive system of relocation is shifting responsibility for the catastrophic migration policies of Brussels and Berlin. This is blackmail, with the Commission putting itself above the law in a system designed to violate the sovereignty of Member States. However, the political reality has undergone far-reaching change, and the Commission must ultimately take this into account.

1. Why is the Commission imposing the implementation of the Pact, given its misconceptions and false assumptions? What areas of ‘improvements and adaptations’ did the Commissioner have in mind?
2. Does the Commission not believe that the compulsory solidarity and relocation mechanisms — which, as we know, are the most controversial and to which the public are opposed — should be urgently removed, and that attention should be focused on sealing borders and on returns?

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Answer given by Mr Brunner on behalf of the European Commission
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The Pact on Migration and Asylum ⁽¹⁾ comprises several legal instruments that were adopted by the European Parliament and the Council and are binding on all Member States.

In accordance with the Treaties, the Commission is responsible for implementing the rules agreed by the co-legislator. The Commission presented proposals for targeted amendments to Regulation (EU) 2024/1348 ⁽²⁾, establishing a list of ‘safe countries of origin’ ⁽³⁾ at Union level and revising the ‘safe third country’ ⁽⁴⁾ concept, which have recently been agreed by the European Parliament and the Council.

The Commission also aims to have swifter, simpler and more effective return procedures across the EU. To this end, it proposed a legislative framework for a new common system for returns ⁽⁵⁾, which is currently under negotiations.

Regulation (EU) 2024/1351 ⁽⁶⁾ establishes a mandatory but flexible solidarity mechanism, which ensures support to Member States that are under migratory pressure.

While Member States need to contribute to it in a fair manner, they have full discretion in choosing the type of solidarity contributions among relocations, financial contributions or alternative solidarity measures.

There is therefore no compulsory relocation. On 19 December 2025, the Council adopted the implementing decision ⁽⁷⁾ establishing the Annual Solidarity Pool for 2026, which will be implemented as of June.

¹ https://www.europarl.europa.eu/doceo/document/CRE-10-2025-11-12-ITM-015_EN.html

⁽¹⁾ https://home-affairs.ec.europa.eu/policies/migration-and-asylum/pact-migration-and-asylum_en.

⁽²⁾ <https://eur-lex.europa.eu/eli/reg/2024/1348/oj/eng>.

⁽³⁾ <https://eur-lex.europa.eu/legal-content/EN/TXT/?uri=celex:52025PC0186>.

⁽⁴⁾ <https://eur-lex.europa.eu/legal-content/EN/TXT/?uri=celex:52025PC0259>.

⁽⁵⁾ <https://eur-lex.europa.eu/legal-content/EN/TXT/?uri=celex:52025PC0101>.

⁽⁶⁾ <https://eur-lex.europa.eu/eli/reg/2024/1351/oj/eng>.

⁽⁷⁾ https://eur-lex.europa.eu/legal-content/EN/TXT/PDF/?uri=OJ:L_202502642.