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**Question for written answer E-001119/26
to the Commission
Loucas Fourlas (PPE)
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Subject: Possible surge in migration from Iran

The continuation of the conflict in Iran may drive a new wave of displaced populations into neighbouring regions and possibly towards Europe. We have learnt from previous crises that geopolitical upheavals in the Middle East often result in new migratory pressures at the EU's external borders.

In view of the above, can the Commission answer the following:

1. What is its assessment of possible migration flows from Iran to the European Union?
2. Is there a specific contingency plan for dealing with mass population movement?
3. How does it intend to support frontline states, particularly in the Eastern Mediterranean?

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**Answer given by Mr Brunner on behalf of the European Commission
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At this stage, the situation in Iran has not led to increased migratory flows towards the EU. The situation remains highly volatile.

The Commission is closely monitoring developments in coordination with Member States, EU agencies, partner countries, international organisations and the European External Action Service, notably through the EU Migration Preparedness and Crisis Blueprint Network ⁽¹⁾. This supports situational awareness, forecasting and early warning, enabling better anticipation and preparedness.

Member States are responsible for contingency planning across different areas of border and migration management, enabling them to respond to a range of possible scenarios.

At EU level, this is complemented by coordination and support measures, including the readiness of EU agencies to provide operational and technical assistance, and flexible EU funding, including emergency support where necessary.

In the context of preparations for the Pact on Migration and Asylum ⁽²⁾, the Commission is supporting Member States in ensuring a well-prepared migration management system by June 2026, including coordinated crisis response.

As reaffirmed by leaders during the 19-20 March 2026 European Council, the EU is ready to mobilise its diplomatic, legal, operational and financial tools to prevent uncontrolled migratory movements to the EU and preserve security in Europe.

⁽¹⁾ Commission Recommendation (EU) 2020/1366 of 23 September 2020 on an EU mechanism for preparedness and management of crises related to migration, <https://eur-lex.europa.eu/eli/reco/2020/1366/oj/eng>.

⁽²⁾ https://home-affairs.ec.europa.eu/policies/migration-and-asylum/pact-migration-and-asylum_en.