

**Question for written answer E-006658/2014
to the Commission**
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Subject: Frontex - Combatting illegal immigration

Fortress Europe is becoming increasingly impenetrable as the EU tries to repel migrants. As a result, those seeking entry are taking ever greater risks and using ever more dangerous routes. Keeping people out is costing Europe a great deal of money without resolving the problem. The migrants are merely being pushed back, and no long-term solution is in sight.

Frontex recently published its *Annual Risk Analysis* report, highlighting an upsurge in illegal border crossing. In the first five months of 2014, more than 200 men, women and children died attempting to cross the Mediterranean or the Aegean, and hundreds more are reported missing. Many of these people were fleeing war-torn countries including Syria and Eritrea.

1. How does the Commission view this situation?
2. Surely, in seeking to cope with this population movement, EU migration policy should be about more than just putting up walls?