

**Question for written answer E-010407/2014
to the Commission**

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Subject: Frontex and the respect for fundamental rights

A number of organisations have reported breaches of the principle of non-refoulement and violations of the fundamental rights of migrants and asylum seekers in the course of Frontex operations. Other bodies, such as the Council of Europe and the European Union Agency for Fundamental Rights, have also expressed concerns.

No real progress has been made in this regard, despite the 2011 revision of the regulation establishing Frontex and the adoption of a Fundamental Rights Strategy by the agency. Its activities continue to lack transparency and democratic scrutiny.

Commissioner Dimitris Avramopoulos recently stated that investigations into specific cases of fundamental rights violations by Frontex were underway.

1. What practical measures does the Commission plan to take in order to improve this situation? Can it provide further details on the nature and content of the ongoing investigations?
2. Emily O'Reilly, the European Ombudsman, has called for the establishment of a mechanism for dealing with individual complaints regarding violations of migrants' fundamental rights in operations directly led by or carried out under the auspices of Frontex. Would the Commission be able to introduce such a mechanism?