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to the Commission
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Subject: Pushing for the creation of European corps of border guards

2014 has seen a sharp rise in the number of illegal immigrants in the EU. During the first eight months of the year, the number of illegal border crossings –161 300 – is more than double that of the same period in 2013, which came to 60 581.

The figures for immigrants from Libya and Egypt in particular leapt massively, up by 410 % and 364 % respectively.

It is therefore vital that Frontex receives full support and the resources it needs to control the EU's external borders effectively and humanely.

If we are to face the immigration challenge together, we cannot share internal borders any longer without sharing a proper, integrated system for managing our external borders.

Migration issues are a major concern for Europeans in this extremely fraught context, as the campaign for the 2014 European elections showed.

Does the Commission intend to push ahead with the creation of a proper European corps of border guards, as the heads of state or government urged it to do at the June 2014 European Council?