

**Question for written answer E-010606/2014
to the Commission**

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Subject: Surge in migration

Between April and June 2014, the European Agency for the Management of Operational Cooperation at the External Borders of the Member States of the European Union (Frontex) detected 68 589 people attempting to enter the territory of the Union, in comparison with 24 810 people during the same period in 2013. The reason for this increase is clearly the fact that the power vacuum in Libya and the civil war in Syria have created over-populated refugee camps in Turkey, Jordan and Lebanon, generating an uncontrolled mass of migrants from these regions attempting to seek refuge in Europe. As a result of the increasing security against migration in the Eastern and Southern Mediterranean, immigrants have begun to head to Romania and Bulgaria, via the Black Sea, as an alternative way of entering the European Union from the Mediterranean.

1. Has the Commission considered bolstering Operation Triton in view of the surge in immigration emanating from Northern Africa?
2. Does the Commission feel that the measures included in the recent Rome Declaration will be sufficient to contain the surge in migration?
3. If not, what measures is the Commission considering to stem the flow of what could be one of the largest surges in migration for decades?