

Question for written answer E-000526/2015
to the Commission
Rule 130
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Subject: Violation of the third-country rule

The President of the German Federal Office for Migration and Refugees, Manfred Schmidt, noted at the end of 2014: 'I cannot rule out the possibility that the Italian authorities may not have been proactive enough in preventing refugees moving on to other countries. Of the 160 000 asylum seekers who arrived in Italy by sea up to the end of October, some 43 000 applied for asylum (there).' This makes it clear that there has been a wholesale violation of the Dublin Regulation which provides that it is the EU Member State on whose territory an applicant first enters the EU that is required to carry out the asylum procedure.

1. What information does the Commission have about which EU Member States allow asylum seekers to travel on to other Member States without carrying out an asylum procedure? How many cases are involved?
2. To what extent is the Commission aware that some Member States provide financial incentives for asylum seekers to travel on to other Member States to apply for asylum there?
3. What measures will the Commission take to enforce compliance with the so-called third- country rule?