

**Question for written answer E-002895/2015
to the Commission**
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Subject: Conclusion of new Mobility Partnerships

The migrants from Libya who were rescued last week - more than 2 000 in number - and the proliferation of 'ghost ships' abandoned at sea by traffickers provide us with an urgent reminder of the need to rethink European migration policy by focusing on strengthening cooperation with third countries.

With this objective in mind, the European Union has already entered into several Mobility Partnerships (MPs) with third countries, most recently with Tunisia. These MPs are effective tools for the joint management of migration. Cooperation is then based on an organisation of legal migratory flows between the EU and third countries in exchange for commitments to fight against illegal migration.

At the hearing with Commissioner Avramopoulos on 30 September 2014, I had asked a question about continuing such Partnerships, but did not receive a specific answer.

Will the Commission therefore state whether it intends to conduct negotiations for the conclusion of new Mobility Partnerships with third countries with a view to the responsible management of migratory flows?

Which countries would then be involved and what timetable might be envisaged?