

**Question for written answer E-007169/2015  
to the Commission**

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Subject: On the trebling of the Operation Triton budget

Over 1 500 migrants have died this year trying to cross the Mediterranean as they flee from poverty and war in search of a better life in Europe. This week has been marked by the tragedy in the Mediterranean in which 700 people lost their lives, turning the Mediterranean into a cemetery. In response to this tragedy, the Commission and the Council have announced a trebling of the budget for the monitoring mission, Operation Triton. This mission cannot operate beyond 30 nautical miles, so it does not have the reach to rescue those shipwrecked between Libya and Italy.

Does the Commission consider that this measure is enough to put an end to deaths in the Mediterranean?

Does the Commission intend to continue with the mandate of Operation Triton?