

**Question for written answer E-008035/2015
to the Commission**
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Subject: EU-Libya cooperation on migration issues

Following the demise of the Gadaffi regime, it seemed as though the European Union wanted, at all costs, to prevent an increase in migratory flows.

Of the EUR 79 million allocated by the Union to support the democratic transition, EUR 29 million was earmarked for migratory issues and border management. The Union also launched the EUBAM Libya mission which sought to strengthen the country's border control capabilities. Catherine Ashton stated that the mission was significant for the security of Europe's borders. Over the last 15 years, all EU actions have sought to enable Libya to stop migrants before they reach Europe.

1. Have recent events not shown that security-based migration approaches have failed?
2. Why has the Commission always made a priority of migration issues and border control in its relations with Libya?
3. Rather than preventing migrants from reaching Europe by strengthening the border control capabilities of third countries, would it not be better to promote development in third countries and open up legal channels for asylum seekers?