

**Question for written answer E-008487/2015  
to the Commission**  
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Subject: Fortress Europe and immigration

As the latest quarterly report from Frontex shows, illegal entries to European territory rose 180% from 2013 to 2014: 274,000 people entered the EU clandestinely in 2014.

Although growing numbers are trying to enter the EU, the EU is making every effort to keep migrants outside its borders. This makes the European borders even more dangerous to cross. In 2014, 3 072 people met their deaths in the Mediterranean, according to the International Organization for Migration. This makes it the world's most dangerous sea route for migration.

1. Why does the EU continue to strengthen controls of its external frontiers, although this has no impact on illegal entries and increases the number of deaths on Europe's doorstep?
2. What assurance is there that Frontex missions conform to the 1951 Convention relating to the status of refugees?
3. What measures is the Commission planning to take to solve the problems of illegal immigration in Europe?