

**Question for written answer E-010391/2015
to the Commission**
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Subject: Health risks in illegal camps

Italy is not the only country to have problems with illegal migrant camps. In 2013 there were some 400 such camps in France, many of them set up on sites unsuitable for human habitation. In addition to encouraging criminal elements, these camps create worrying health problems. They offer migrants very poor living conditions and undermine the quality of life of nearby residents, particularly since basic sanitation, such as water or toilets, is generally lacking and rubbish is often simply dumped outside.

On 22 May 2015, the Paris chief of police ordered the evacuation of an illegal camp in the city amid fears of a suspected epidemic after the Ile de France regional health authority recorded several cases of scabies.

1. Can the Commission provide Member States with information on the health risks posed by illegal camps?
2. In keeping with the precautionary principle, will the Commission suggest cooperation arrangements which provide for immediate refoulement when illegal migrants reach EU territory, whether on land or at sea, or, failing this, for them to be kept in quarantine at the border?