

**Question for written answer E-012459/2015
to the Commission**

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Subject: Funding for migrant social inclusion and integration policies

The 'European Agenda on Migration 2015' published in May this year trebles the funding for Operation Triton and the Frontex programme, intended to control the EU's external borders. Funding for the Frontex agency has increased from EUR 97 million to EUR 114 million in 2015. Following the same logic, funding for Europe's law and order institutions – Eurojust and Europol – has also been increased. Both the Commission and the Council believe that this policy of security dissuades migrants from attempting to travel. Obviously, the humanist perspective on this issue is that no human being can be persuaded from trying to survive. It is shocking that, for the period 2014-2020, the EU is allocating EUR 3.1 billion to the Asylum, Migration and Integration Fund – a substantial proportion of which goes into migrant-return policies – and is allocating EUR 3.8 billion to the Internal Security Fund, mainly destined for border controls.

Therefore, can the Commission please state:

Does it not believe there is an urgent need to re-allocate the EU funds currently intended for border controls and policing and for migrant identification and return, transferring these funds to policies that ensure safe and legal crossings for migrants and their social inclusion in host countries?