

**Question for written answer E-012462/2015
to the Commission**

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Subject: Eunavfor Med mission to combat human traffickers

In April, the Council decided to launch a Eunavfor Med mission, which took place in June. According to the Commission, the purpose of this 'naval operation against human smugglers and traffickers in the Mediterranean' was to 'destroy the vessels used by traffickers', for which purpose ships, submarines, surveillance aircraft and drones would be mobilised. That equates to a full-blown strategy of war. In our opinion, military operations will end up making victims of the migrants once again, not combating the traffickers, who are very often not even aboard these boats. As we know, the number of migrants crossing the Mediterranean has been increasing in recent months, not decreasing, which demonstrates the complete ineffectiveness of this mission. Furthermore, we have received information that migrants who had made their way from the Turkish coast to the Greek islands may have been intercepted by military vessels, and robbed and intimidated by soldiers. If true, this is an extremely serious situation.

In view of the above, can the Commission please state:

What is its evaluation of the Eunavfor Med mission launched in June 2015 in terms of combating traffickers and resolving migrants' problems?

Is it aware of situations of mistreatment of and violence against migrants by the forces involved in this mission?