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to the Commission**
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Subject: Immigration from the Balkans

The 2014 Frontex Annual Risk Analysis paints a grim picture. The migrant situation in the Mediterranean may be particularly worrying, but it is no less so in the Balkans. The report quotes the figures for immigration in the Western Balkans, noting that 19 951 people entered the EU illegally from the countries concerned in 2013, compared to 3 089 in 2009 – a 212% increase in four years.

The Member States worst affected are Hungary and Croatia, which share borders with the countries in question. At the moment, however, Croatia has only one detention centre, in Ježevo. Despite the significant rise in the number of migrants noted by Frontex, the Croatian authorities are doing nothing to improve the situation.

1. What happens to migrants who cannot be taken care of at the border?
2. Do neighbouring countries such as Greece suffer the consequences of this failure to make proper arrangements?
3. Are negotiations taking place to discuss ways of holding back as many migrants as possible at the EU's borders with the Western Balkan countries?