

Question for written answer E-015501/2015
to the Council
Rule 130
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Subject: Relocation of 400 000 to 500 000 migrants currently in Turkey

On Wednesday 2 December the Hungarian President Viktor Orbán reported that a 'semi-secret' agreement for the relocation of 400 000 to 500 000 migrants currently on Turkish soil could be announced in the near future. However, there was no mention of any such measure by the Council after the Valletta summit or after the EU-Turkey summit of 29 November, even though the latter event was organised with the sole aim of finding ways of halting the tide of migrants and keeping them in Turkey.

1. Can the Council tell us whether there is a plan to relocate the migrants currently in Turkey across the EU?
2. If a decision has been taken to that effect, at what level was it negotiated?
3. How does the Council explain the secret nature of these talks and decisions, when the European institutions have undertaken to respect the principle of transparency vis-à-vis the European citizens, who are first and foremost concerned by these measures?