

**Question for written answer E-005270/2016  
to the Commission**  
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Subject: Saving migrants in the Mediterranean

The return of a calmer sea at this time of year has, once again, seen an increase in the number of migrants trying to cross the Mediterranean from Libya to European shores, aboard makeshift boats and in appalling conditions. However, that does not mean they actually reach European shores, and the tragedies are continuing. Some 3 000 people have died in the Mediterranean since early 2016.

The Director of the Agency for Fundamental Rights (FRA), Michael O'Flaherty, has, moreover, confirmed to Parliament's Committee on Civil Liberties, Justice and Home Affairs that, on average, two children drown each day trying to reach the European continent.

What additional measures can the Commission take in view of these fresh tragedies that are likely to increase throughout the summer?