

**Question for written answer E-008037/2016
to the Council**
Rule 130
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Subject: Compliance with relocation obligations

In September 2015 the Justice and Home Affairs Council, on a proposal by the Commission, adopted two decisions to relocate 160 000 asylum seekers from Italy and Greece, to help these two Member States cope with the influx of migrants on their territories.

However, it is clear that to date these relocations have been a failure, notably because of the lack of political will of several Member States.

One of the consequences is that thousands of migrants are currently still on Greek soil - a consequence that the country has to cope with in an extremely difficult socio-economic situation.

On 18 October 2016, the mayor of Lesbos asked the EU and the Member States to meet their obligations concerning the relocation of migrants, in particular to alleviate the pressure on this island of 85 000 inhabitants, where thousands of migrants are still present.

What measures does the Council intend to take to speed up the relocation process within all the Member States?