

**Question for written answer E-001182/2017**  
**to the Commission (Vice-President / High Representative)**  
Rule 130  
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Subject: VP/HR - Evaluating EU training for Libyan coastguards

Since 20 June 2016, following a decision by the Council, the remit of EUNAVFOR MED's Operation Sophia, the military operation to combat migrant trafficking in the Mediterranean, has included training Libyan coastguards. The coastguard personnel are being trained in three phases. On 8 February 2017, a ceremony was held to mark the completion of the training course by the first batch of 89 Libyan coastguards. On 30 January 2017, a second batch of 21 coastguards started the course.

Meanwhile, on 3 February 2017, acting on a Commission recommendation, the Council decided to earmark additional funds for training, equipping and supporting the Libyan coastguard service. As we are spending more and more on boosting the capabilities of the Libyan authorities, the High Representative of the Union for Foreign Affairs and Security Policy needs to set out a list of costed objectives and a provisional timetable against which to measure the effectiveness of the EU effort.

1. Can the High Representative state exactly how many coastguard staff will receive training under the EUNAVFOR MED Operation Sophia programme between now and the end of the operation on 27 July 2017?
2. Does she intend to publish a stock-taking report on these training courses before Operation Sophia's mandate is renewed?