

**Question for written answer E-002270/2017
to the Commission**

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Subject: Failure of asylum-seeker resettlement programme

According to the press, the Commissioner for Migration, Home Affairs and Citizenship, Dimitris Avramopoulos, revealed this week that only '20 000 refugees in Greece and 6 000 in Italy' would be resettled as part of the EU's resettlement plan. Only 14 700 have been relocated to other countries thus far, taking the maximum number of migrants to be resettled under the plan to 40 000, of which 10 000 from Italy, a far cry from the Commission's initial objective of resettling 160 000 in 2015. The situation would appear to be aggravated by the European Asylum Support Office (EASO) list, which restricts resettlement to asylum-seekers from certain countries. Only seven countries currently feature on the list, which excludes many others such as Iraq and Afghanistan.

In the light of the above figures and the bureaucratic barriers to the selection of asylum-seekers for resettlement, can the Commission answer the following questions:

1. Will it follow its resettlement policy through to the end of the two years planned?
2. What policy will it pursue in the coming months to relieve migratory pressure on Greece and Italy?
3. Will it call on the EASO to amend its list?