

**Question for written answer E-003448/2017  
to the Commission**

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Subject: Germany's migration policy and solidarity among Member States

Germany admitted over a million immigrants in 2015. The declarations made by the German Chancellor, Mrs Merkel, received widespread coverage both inside and outside Europe. There was much praise at the time for Germany's generosity and solidarity. Mrs Merkel came under pressure from German public opinion and leading members of her party to revise her policy, and she did so in 2016. As a fervent supporter of the EU-Turkey Agreement signed in March 2016, under which the EU agreed to pay Turkey EUR 3 billion (on top of the EUR 3 billion negotiated in late 2015) in exchange for Turkey committing to host migrants expelled from Greece, Mrs Merkel also played a very active part in establishing the migrant relocation system proposed by the Commission, even though it was opposed by several Member States. After having opened the door to hundreds of thousands of genuine and non-genuine Syrian refugees, the German Chancellor is now trying to disperse them across the EU.

In doing so, is Germany respecting the idea of solidarity among the Member States?

Has it not, in fact, created an incentive to illegal immigration?

Is it not creating a security risk for the other Member States belonging to the Schengen Area?