

**Question for written answer E-004743/2017
to the Council**
Rule 130
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Subject: Migration: what aid for Italy?

Following the closure of the Balkan route, migrants are increasingly using the even more dangerous Central Mediterranean crossing. This change of route, combined with ever increasing migratory flows, is bringing Italy to saturation point. The EU cannot remain deaf to the warning cries from Rome, just as it cannot continue to leave Italy to bear the full brunt of European migratory pressure almost alone.

What initiatives does the Council propose to take to help Italy deal with the current migratory flow?