

**Question for written answer E-005008/2017
to the Commission**
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Subject: EU action plan to assist Italy

According to the European Border and Coast Guard Agency, the number of migrants arriving in Italy in June was 24 800, bringing the total number of arrivals for the first half of 2017 to 85 000.

On 4 July 2017, in response to this situation in the central Mediterranean, the European Commission presented an action plan to assist Italy that met with the approval of the 27 Interior Ministers meeting in Tallinn on 6 July.

In this plan, the Commission announces a number of financial and political measures to alleviate migratory pressures on Italy, without setting a precise timetable. In particular, it recommends the formulation of a code of conduct for NGOs that rescue migrants at sea, those refusing comply with it facing the possibility of being barred from entering Italian ports.

1. Can the Commission say when the action plan is to be implemented?
2. Will Member States will be required to help fund it?
3. What solutions will be envisaged in the event of non-compliance by NGOs?