

**Question for written answer E-005011/2017
to the Commission**
Rule 130
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Subject: C-Star ship

The 'ship of hate', C-Star, hired by the far-right group Generation Identity, is due to set sail this week from Catania (Sicily) to stop immigrants from arriving in Europe.

Generation Identity, which is made up of young people from Italy, France, Germany and Austria, plans to carry out its 'Defend Europe' initiative with the aim of patrolling the Mediterranean sea to 'sink abandoned migrant traffic ships' and 'overwatch' (sic) the NGOs responsible for going to their rescue off the Libyan coast.

Generation Identity accuses migrants of 'destroying European culture, tourism and security' and they plan 'to intervene where politicians fail and do whatever is necessary to stop the wave of illegal migration to Europe'.

Italians have expressed their opposition to the plans by calling on their Minister for Transport to stop the 'ship of hate' from docking in Catania, preventing it from setting sail.

1. Is the Commission aware of initiatives such as Defend Europe and does it reject them?
2. Does the Commission intend to adopt measures to stop C-Star from docking in any EU port?
3. Does the Commission know whether the Italian authorities have taken actions to prevent Defend Europe from achieving its objectives?