

**Question for written answer E-005767/2017  
to the Commission**

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**Subject:** Application of Relocation Decisions 2015/1523 and 2015/1601 ahead of their expiration date (26 September 2017)

In a judgment of 6 September 2017, the European Court of Justice dismissed the actions brought by Slovakia and Hungary to challenge relocation, noting that ‘the lack of cooperation on the part of certain Member States’ is the leading cause of the small number of relocations of international protection seekers.

A paper published by the European Council on Refugees and Exiles (ECRE) entitled ‘Relocation not Procrastination’ concludes that political and legal resistance to the relocation of international protection seekers has manifestations ‘ranging from prohibitive preferences expressed by some Member States to severe delays in pledging relocation places as well as in processing and providing offers by Italy and Greece’<sup>1</sup>.

The expiration date (26 September 2017) for the application of Relocation Decisions 2015/1523 and 2015/1601 is now close.

1. Does the Commission plan to launch other infringement proceedings against non-complying Member States?
2. Does the Commission intend to revise the Dublin returns to Italy and Greece, prioritising the solidarity elements of the relocations?
3. Given that in September 2015 President Juncker announced a permanent relocation mechanism under the Dublin system and that in May 2017 Parliament asked the Commission to present a new relocation proposal pending the reform of the Dublin system, why has Commissioner Avramopoulos stated that the Commission will not present new proposals for relocation?

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<sup>1</sup> <https://www.ecre.org/wp-content/uploads/2017/09/Policy-Note-07.pdf>