

**Question for written answer E-006466/2017  
to the Commission**

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Subject: Children and young people facing abuse along Mediterranean migration routes

Children and young people attempting to reach Europe along Mediterranean migration routes are facing the prospect of appalling human rights violations, such as abuse, exploitation and practices which may amount to human trafficking. Children from Sub-Saharan Africa, who are often subjected to discrimination and racism throughout the entire journey, are considered the most vulnerable. Furthermore, recent studies have shown that children and young people are more likely to encounter such abuse on the journey to Europe than those over the age of 25.

In view of the above, is the Commission planning to take steps to help these vulnerable groups and guarantee safe and legal migration routes?