

**Question for written answer E-007242/2017
to the Commission**
Rule 130
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Subject: Non-compliance with Directive 2011/36/EU on preventing and combating trafficking in human beings and protecting its victims

In recent weeks, small boats have been arriving on the Spanish coast in the region of Murcia. According to Mr Francisco Bernabé Pérez, the Government delegate, they are being operated by traffickers.

Although the rescued persons were seen to be possible victims of human trafficking, they were taken to the local police station for identification. This was done by officers without the training necessary under Directive 2011/36/EU of the European Parliament and of the Council, in particular Article 9(3) and (4), under which Member States are required to ensure that persons, units or services responsible for investigating such offences have received appropriate specialist training.

Subsequently the potential victims were detained in prison facilities in Archidona (Malaga), which failed to meet basic requirements, thereby infringing Article 11(5) of the Directive, under which appropriate and safe accommodation must be provided.

1. Has the Commission requested explanations from the Spanish Government regarding the investigations carried out to ensure that migrants arriving on their coasts are not victims of human trafficking?
2. What measures will the Commission take to in response to the detention of persons in breach of Spanish law and the provisions of the above EU Directive?