

Question for written answer E-000593/2018
to the Commission
Rule 130
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Subject: EU sanctions on individuals from third countries

According to the European Council website, 'restrictive measures or "sanctions" are an essential tool of the EU's Common Foreign and Security Policy (CFSP)'. These can also be imposed on individuals¹. Under 'migration'², one of the 10 Commission priorities for 2015-2019, the 'effective return'³ policy is outlined. The magazine *Der Spiegel* has reported that some countries are refusing to 'take back' their citizens who entered the EU illegally⁴.

1. Does the Commission have data on the number of people in the EU who, despite being told to return, have been rejected by their countries of origin?
2. Does the Commission regard individual sanctions as an effective means of putting pressure on the leaders of the countries of origin to take back illegal immigrants?
3. Does the Commission know how much these people who have been rejected by their own countries are costing the EU?

¹ <http://www.consilium.europa.eu/en/policies/sanctions/>

² https://ec.europa.eu/commission/priorities_en

³ https://ec.europa.eu/home-affairs/what-we-do/policies/irregular-migration-return-policy_en

⁴ <http://www.spiegel.de/politik/ausland/eu-erhoeht-druck-auf-herkunftsstaaten-bei-streit-um-ruecknahme-von-migranten-a-1175385.html>