

**Question for written answer E-000855/2018
to the Commission**
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Subject: Extension of agreements with third countries of departure and/or transit of migrants and use of hotspots

The European Union has begun a process of externalising its migration policy through agreements with third countries of departure and/or transit of migrants. These agreements are in response to the migration crisis which has been affecting the EU since 2011. In March 2016, the EU-Turkey Statement was adopted and in June 2016, the Migration Partnership Framework was established with five African countries: Niger, Mali, Nigeria, Senegal and Ethiopia.

Does the Commission intend, in future, to draw up any new partnerships with other countries of departure and/or transit of migrants?

Amongst other measures taken by the EU, hotspots were rolled out in Italy and Greece in 2015 to facilitate the identification and registration of migrants and enable them to be relocated to other Member States.

In connection with the existing Migration Partnership Framework and with the aim of strengthening that framework, could the Commission consider encouraging the use of hotspots in third countries?