

**Question for written answer E-002504/2018  
to the Commission**

Rule 130

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Subject: Return Detention Centre in Palazzo San Gervasio (Potenza)

On 23 April 2018 some members of parliament and regional councillors from Basilicata visited the Return Detention Centre (Centro Permanenza Rimpatri - CPR) in Palazzo San Gervasio (Potenza) to check on the conditions of the centres, migrants, police and operators, following an uprising that culminated in the escape of 22 migrants.

Inhuman and degrading conditions were found there, as well as threats of suicide, with police staff forced to manage security both inside the detention centre and in the town centre.

These CPR detention centres, whose role is to identify migrants for the purposes of expulsion, were supposed to be situated outside town centres. They have a limited capacity and should be suitable for ensuring that the human dignity of the migrants housed there is fully respected. They are, however, often makeshift centres, which some NGOs refer to as 'concentration camps', and for which the local authorities and police forces have to provide security, with varying types of difficulty.

Can the Commission:

- 1) check whether, in the CPR Return Detention Centre of Palazzo San Gervasio, the rules of the 'Returns Directive' are being complied with and fundamental human rights respected;
- 2) say how much money, and from what source, has been committed and actually disbursed to the detention centre in question, specifying under which EU fund and/or programme it has been paid out;
- 3) say whether it intends to take any measures to ascertain irregularities and combat future social tensions that are detrimental to public security?