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to the Commission**

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Subject: Migration crisis in Spain

Figures from the UN High Commissioner for Refugees show that so far this year some 24 000 undocumented immigrants have arrived on the Andalusian coast (on both the Atlantic and the Mediterranean side), compared with 28 349 for the whole of 2017. Italy has seen 18 298 arrivals this year, compared to 119 369 for all of 2017. This means that Spain has for the first time overtaken Italy and Greece as the EU's main destination for migrants crossing the Mediterranean. Spain, slowly recovering from the 2007 financial crisis, cannot solve this problem on its own.

- Could the Commission target EU funding to enable Spain to tackle this migrant issue, and how would it be applied?
- What measures is the Commission taking to combat the trafficking of migrants in order to effectively prevent this crisis from becoming worse?