

**Question for written answer E-006372/2018  
to the Council**

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Subject: Hotspots, proposed 'controlled centres' and respect for EU asylum law

Earlier this month, 20 human rights organisations called for the 12 500 asylum seekers still living in tents and containers on the Aegean islands to be relocated to a safe place ahead of the winter.

This follows warnings from groups including the International Rescue Committee, Médecins Sans Frontières and Refugee Rights Europe, whose research has found that the Moria hotspot is in a state of emergency. The individuals and families trapped there face an increased risk of violence and sexual assault. A large number have developed psychological problems, with many turning to self-harm and attempted suicide.

It is clear that the current approach has led to a situation where individuals in Europe face rights violations. This raises grave concerns that the proposed 'controlled centres' could simply replicate this suffering.

What actions is the Council taking to ensure that asylum seekers are provided with adequate reception conditions across the EU, including safe accommodation, healthcare, water, food, sanitation, education, and protection against violence?

Does the Council still intend to go ahead with the proposed 'controlled centres'?

Given the current situation in the hotspots, how will the Council guarantee that the 'controlled centres':

1. Provide adequate reception conditions,
2. Do not result in people being indefinitely detained, and
3. That the 'rapid procedures' within the centres allow for a proper examination of asylum claims and do not lead to an arbitrary selection process?