

**Question for written answer E-002505/2019
to the Commission**
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Subject: Regional disembarkation platforms

In June 2018, the European Council called on the Council and the Commission to swiftly explore, in close cooperation with relevant third countries, the UNHCR and the IOM, the concept of regional disembarkation platforms for migrants from Africa rescued at sea. The purpose of these platforms would be to ensure that no pull effect is created¹.

1. What progress has been made in developing this concept?
2. With what countries has the Commission conducted negotiations on establishing such platforms? What stage have the negotiations reached?

¹ European Council, Conclusions of 28 June 2018.