

Question for written answer P-003197/2015
to the Commission
Rule 130
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Subject: Clandestine immigration and possible agreements with migrants' States of origin

Despite the launch of Operation Triton by the European Union, migrants are continuing to die off Lampedusa. It is clear that, in its present form, this EU mission is not working: it seems essential to allocate more funding and to make better logistic arrangements in order to prevent a recurrence of such tragedies in future. The termination of Mare Nostrum was a mistake, as is demonstrated by the dramatic shipwrecks of recent days. Before Mare Nostrum was abandoned, Europe should have introduced a broader programme, rather than an operation confined purely to external border control.

1. Does the Commission not consider it both urgent and highly desirable to take direct action to promote wider European action in the Mediterranean, by means of greater involvement of all Member States, both financial and logistic?
2. Does she not now consider it necessary to review the EU's immigration policy, taking as a basis the conclusion of new bilateral agreements between the European Union and the countries of origin of migrants?