

**Question for written answer P-009331/2016  
to the Commission**  
Rule 130  
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Subject: Role of NGOs in migrant rescues

According to a survey by the research institute *Gefira*, 15 ships belonging to various non-governmental organisations (NGOs) transported around 39 000 people to the Italian coast in October and November. The statistics were gathered through *marinetraffic.com*, a website which monitors global maritime traffic. According to *Gefira*, the NGO vessels sail from the Italian coast to Libyan territorial waters and pick up migrants having difficulty in their precarious boats.

Given the difficult migratory situation and the danger of fuelling shameful human trafficking, can the Commission say:

- whether it is aware of the *Gefira* survey, and how it justifies its revelations;
- whether it has ever conducted any investigations into the work of the NGOs?