

**Question for written answer P-003348/2019  
to the Commission**  
Rule 138  
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Subject: Humanitarian catastrophe in Vučjak

The situation of refugees in Vučjak near the town of Bihać in Bosnia has worsened considerably. Since 14 June 2019 the camp has been located on a former rubbish heap; there are now over 2000 people living there. According to their own statements and media reports, refugees are simply gathered up and taken to Vučjak against their will. Once there they can expect to receive not even the most basic provisions. On top of this, the already insufficient aid may well cease altogether, water provision included, as local aid organisations can no longer carry on like this. Winter is just around the corner, meaning that the lives of those in the camp will be at risk, and the situation is all but certain to deteriorate.

1. What concrete action has the Commission taken since 14 June 2019 and what measures will it take in the future to improve the humanitarian situation for refugees in Vučjak?
2. According to information provided by refugees and recognised human rights organisations, the Croatian police force are violently preventing people from trying to cross the green border and have resorted to pushbacks. Is the Commission considering bringing infringement proceedings and how will it address this practice which is not consistent with EU law?
3. Bosnian authorities have banished volunteers with European passports from the country and have imposed administrative penalties. What does the Commission intend to do if the provision of aid on the ground is prevented or voluntary work is criminalised by the Bosnian authorities?