

**Question for written answer E-014007/2013/rev.1  
to the Commission  
Rule 117  
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Subject: Situation in Malta

Since the beginning of the year, the Mediterranean island of Malta has seen more than 1 200 immigrants arrive on its shores.

Malta has the highest number of asylum seekers as a proportion of its population in Europe, with 21.7 asylum seekers per 1 000 inhabitants.

1. The principle of solidarity is at the heart of this asylum and immigration policy. What financial and technical assistance has Malta already received under Dublin II?
2. What instruments are still available to Member States in order to try to reduce the flow of migrants in their territorial waters?