

**Question for written answer E-003146/2016/rev.1
to the Commission**
Rule 130
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Subject: External border management in Italy

On 12 April 2016 Commissioner Avramopolous reiterated in Strasbourg that 'the EU's ability to maintain an area free of internal border controls depends on our ability to effectively manage our external borders. [...] I also need to underline that all of the Council and Commission recommendations need to be met to face the unprecedented pressure at Europe's external borders'.

With this in mind, could the Commission respond to the following:

1. What is the overall number of people, broken down by nationality, who have illegally entered the Union via Italy since the beginning of 2016?
2. How many of those who arrived illegally in Italy applied for international protection, and of those who applied, how many were granted this protection and how many were returned to their country of departure?
3. What has happened to those who did not apply for international protection?