

**Question for written answer E-002622/2017
to the Commission**
Rule 130
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Subject: Financing illegal immigration through NGOs

There have been suspicions on more than one occasion that certain private donors have been funding the illegal entry of migrants to Europe via the Mediterranean Sea route.¹

1. Is the Commission in receipt of information that confirms the veracity of the above statement?
2. If so, are these particular donors known to the Commission by name?
3. Does the Commission envision the possibility of sanctions against certain non-profit organisations in the event that they supportively participate in such illegal practices?

¹ One example of this can be found here: <http://www.zerohedge.com/news/2016-12-04/something-strange-taking-place-mediterranean>