

**Question for written answer E-003404/2017
to the Commission**
Rule 130
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Subject: Migrant smuggling from EU Member States into Turkey

The EU Action Plan against migrant smuggling (COM(2015)0285) seems to be focused on irregular migration towards the EU from third countries. It has recently been reported, however, that refugees are now turning towards migrant smuggling networks to leave the EU and get back into Turkey, despite having a valid permit to stay in the EU.¹

Is the Commission aware of this phenomenon, and does the European Border and Coast Guard Agency (previously Frontex) have data confirming this trend?

Is the Commission in contact with relevant actors such as the International Organisation for Migration (IOM) and the Turkish authorities with a view to addressing this problem?

What are the views of the Commission with regard to the main reasons for accepted refugees to leave the EU and travel back to Turkey, and turning to migrant smuggling networks to do so?

¹ <http://deredactie.be/cm/vrtnieuws/buitenland/1.2963493>