

**Question for written answer E-005534/2017
to the Commission**

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Subject: When taking in migrants rhymes with modern slavery

On 10 August 2017, the NGO Verisk Mapplecroft published its Modern Slavery Index for 2017.

The results are damning for the EU: 20 EU Member States are experiencing an increase in modern slavery. This increase concerns Italy, Romania, Greece, Bulgaria and Cyprus, and also Germany and the United Kingdom.

The NGO establishes a direct link between the arrival of vulnerable migrants in Member States and their exploitation in farming, construction and the service industries.

This shocking situation should not come as a surprise when we know all about the organised crime networks that traffic humans across the Mediterranean.

Does the Commission acknowledge that it must accept some responsibility for this situation, owing to its unlawful hyper-immigration policy?

Does the Commission now understand our warnings against this open-arms policy which is being used by unscrupulous employers for purposes of social and human dumping?