

**Question for written answer E-003224/2018  
to the Commission  
Rule 130  
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Subject: Measles outbreaks in Europe

Data from the European Centre for Disease Prevention and Control (ECDC) shows that several EU countries are facing unprecedented outbreaks of measles – a highly contagious disease that can be deadly. Over the last three years, a record flow of migrants has arrived in Europe. There is evidence of outbreaks of vaccine-preventable diseases in migrant holding centres. As a result, the number of measles infections has skyrocketed in Europe, with 15 countries reporting large outbreaks in 2017, according to the World Health Organisation. The number of deaths from measles has risen to new heights in Europe in the past year<sup>1</sup>.

Does the Commission agree that there is a clear link between the recent rise in migrant, refugee and asylum seeker flows and the extreme, sudden increase in measles outbreaks in Europe? If not, why not?

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<sup>1</sup> <https://www.reuters.com/article/us-health-europe-vaccines/eu-wants-coordinated-vaccine-push-against-measles-other-diseases-idUSKBN1HX22N>