

**Question for written answer E-003508/2018  
to the Commission**

Rule 130

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Subject: Financing migrant rescue operations

In connection with the announcement made by the Head of the Italian Ministry of the Interior, Matteo Salvini, in June 2018 that Italy 'will block all foreign non-governmental organisations that see Italy as a huge refugee camp, where the mafia and migrant smugglers decide everything', can the European Commission explain whether it has taken any steps to determine whether, with regard to the so-called migrant rescue operations in the Mediterranean, said operations have been directly or indirectly financed by European criminal organisations or human smuggling gangs?