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to the Commission**

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Subject: Regional disembarkation platforms

The idea of hotspots – first reception facilities – was presented by the Commission as part of the European Agenda on Migration. They were created to better coordinate efforts at the external borders of the EU on the initial reception, identification and registration procedures for asylum-seekers and migrants. At the moment, only Greece and Italy host hotspots. The majority of them suffer from overcrowding. During the last summit, the European Council gave its endorsement to the concept of regional disembarkation platforms, which would be built in non-EU countries. The role of regional disembarkation platforms will be similar to that of existing hotspots, which select between irregular migrants, who will be returned, and those in need of international protection, for whom the principle of solidarity would apply.

In which countries does the Commission plan to set up regional disembarkation platforms?

How does the Commission plan to monitor whether these external hotspots will respect the EU law related to return, relocation and resettlement?