

Question for written answer E-003986/2018
to the Commission
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Subject: EU mini-summit on migration

The leaders of more than a dozen Member States attended a mini-summit in Brussels to discuss migration, which has been a divisive issue in the EU for years. Poland and the Visegrad countries decided not to go to the meeting. The Polish Prime Minister Mateusz Morawiecki said on Thursday that the country does not belong to the 'relocation friends' club'. The current solution – the division of refugees among EU countries – has, for years, been making it impossible for the 28 Member States to agree on a reform of the asylum system. The following countries also decided not to attend the mini-summit led by Commission President Jean-Claude Juncker: Estonia, Lithuania, Latvia, Cyprus, Portugal, Romania, Ireland and the UK. The meeting, held on Sunday, did not yield a concrete solution to the migration problem. The leaders did not adopt the final declaration. Italy presented its plan, in particular regarding the redistribution of migrants. The Germans want agreements among small blocs of countries.

- 1) Is the Commission willing to support Poland's proposal to help Middle East war victims 'in situ'?
- 2) Given the stark differences in Member States' views on migrant reception, does the Commission support the idea of moving away from the forced relocation of refugees and migrants?