

**Question for written answer E-005258/2018**  
**to the Commission**  
Rule 130  
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Subject: Responding to refugee flows into Cyprus

Refugee flows towards Cyprus have been growing rapidly over the past few months.

It is widely known that Cyprus is the EU's south-easternmost border and 37% of its territory has been invaded and occupied by Turkey. For several years, Turkey has been altering the demographic composition of the island's occupied part, by bringing in Turkish settlers.

As a result, Cyprus, with its peculiarities and problems, has a limited capacity with regard to the reception and accommodation of refugees.

Cyprus has always received and accommodated refugees from neighbouring countries without any particular problems.

However, the current increase in refugee flows is reasonably concerning, since Cyprus cannot bear the burden of so many refugees.

In view of this, can the Commission say:

- How does it protect the EU's borders in the South-Eastern Mediterranean?
- How does it protect Cyprus against growing refugee flows?
- How does it support the Republic of Cyprus in addressing this issue?