

**Question for written answer E-001004/2019  
to the Commission**  
Rule 130  
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Subject: Regional disembarkation platforms for people picked up at sea

In June 2018, the Council endorsed the idea of regional disembarkation platforms for people picked up at sea, in line with earlier initiatives. The UN Refugee Agency (UNHCR) announced that it would submit plans to the EU. However, various media have reported that the AU is pressurising coastal states into not cooperating with the EU.

What progress has been made with these plans, to the Commission's knowledge?

With which states has the Commission conducted negotiations on establishing these platforms? What stage have the negotiations reached?

Does the AU's blocking policy have financial implications for its member states in terms of EU development policy?