

**Question for written answer E-002578/2019
to the Commission
Rule 138
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Subject: Information regarding hotspots

In its communication of 16 May 2018 entitled 'Progress report on the Implementation of the European Agenda on Migration', the Commission provides information regarding the implementation of the 'hotspot approach' in Italy and Greece.

The Italian Government planned to open three additional hotspots in Sicily and Calabria in the course of 2018. Could the Commission clarify whether these hotspots have already been opened or provide additional information regarding the Italian Government's intentions?

Could it specify which hotspots exactly are still in operation in Italy and Greece, which have suspended their operations, and how many staff members the European agencies have deployed in 2019?