

**Question for written answer E-002737/2019  
to the Commission**

Rule 138

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Subject: Intensify actions to prevent irregular immigration from Albania

More and more irregular Albanian immigrants are present in ports in the EU that constitute gateways to the United Kingdom, such as the port of Rotterdam in the Netherlands. Despite successful cross-border cooperation and targeted actions by authorities, too many immigrants fall prey to smugglers, engage in illegal activities or even die during their journey<sup>12</sup>.

Against this background:

1. Will the Commission provide an overview of information campaigns, for example TV-commercials, advertisements through social media or printed press in Albania that are intended to prevent irregular migration?
2. Do the abovementioned campaigns specifically address the consequences and risks of irregular migration, including the fact that there is an entry-ban to the EU when caught by authorities or that there is a risk of death?
3. Every year, the Commission presents a yearly report under the visa suspension mechanism, which stresses the importance of awareness-raising campaigns on the rights and obligations of the visa-free regime. Will it specifically monitor, assess and report on the efforts made by the Albanian authorities to launch targeted information campaigns so as to prevent irregular migration by specifically addressing the consequences and risks?

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<sup>1</sup> <https://www.ad.nl/rotterdam/dit-is-waarom-jaarlijks-honderden-albanezen-hun-leven-wagen-in-de-rotterdamse-haven~a7faf82e/?referrer=https://www.google.com/>

<sup>2</sup> [https://magazines.defensie.nl/kmarmagazine/2019/06/03\\_samen\\_sterk\\_tegen\\_inklimmers\\_06-2019](https://magazines.defensie.nl/kmarmagazine/2019/06/03_samen_sterk_tegen_inklimmers_06-2019)