

**Question for written answer E-004021/2019
to the Commission**

Rule 138

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Subject: The arrival and processing of asylum seekers in Spain

Some 95 000 asylum seekers arrived in Spain this year, almost twice as many as last year, and the country's reception network is on the brink of collapse.

The system of asylum in Spain provides one of the poorest levels of protection in all of Europe. Over 120 000 cases are currently on file awaiting a decision, a process that can take up to two years.

Organisations working with refugees criticise the inflexibility of a model that does not distinguish between the specific needs of each individual and each case, judging each using the same criteria.

Does the Commission take the view that these practices contravene the provisions of Directive 2013/33/EU on the reception of applicants for international protection?