

**Question for written answer E-000267/2020  
to the Commission**

Rule 138

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Subject: Dramatic increase in attempts by migrants to cross the Channel

The Maritime Prefecture of the English Channel and the North Sea has recently compiled its operational record for 2019.

This shows a dramatic increase in the number of attempted and successful crossings by migrants from the French to the English coast.

Whereas in 2017 – one year after the phenomenon was first observed – 12 attempts or successful crossings involving 45 migrants were recorded, the prefecture announced that in 2019 there had been 271 attempts or successful crossings involving no fewer than 2 758 migrants.

In response to this huge increase which the national authorities are trying to cope with, what action will the Commission take to stem the flood of migrants which the Member States are facing? What support will it be providing for them in this particular case?