

**Question for written answer E-000762/2020**  
**to the Commission**  
Rule 138  
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Subject: 'Floating wall' to keep refugees and migrants out

The ND government is stepping up its repressive policy against refugees and migrants by locating a 'floating wall' at crossing points from Turkey to the Greek islands in the Aegean.

The government is provocatively claiming that it will function as a 'deterrent' and at the same time is involving Greece more closely in the imperialist designs of the US, NATO and the EU, which are responsible for uprooting thousands of persecuted people, the victims of war and poverty. The 'floating wall' will result in many more people tragically drowning and will also pose a serious threat to fishermen, liners, cargo ships and other vessels.

This decision by the ND government is entirely in line with the policy of exclusion pursued by the EU-Turkey Agreement and the Dublin Regulation and the EU's policy of cracking down on refugees and migrants already implemented by the SYRIZA government.

How does the Commission view demands:

that all such unacceptable plans for 'floating walls' which constitute a deadly obstacle to refugees and migrants and a hazard to shipping safety should be withdrawn forthwith;

that the hot spots that have created an unacceptable situation for refugees and migrants and for islanders alike should close; that refugees and migrants should be transferred to the mainland; and that the EU and its Member States should ensure, with the Greek state assuming responsibility and without any involvement of NGOs, that they can be transferred to their countries of destination through fast-track procedures?