

**Question for written answer E-000822/2020  
to the Commission  
Rule 138  
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**Subject:** Emergency relief measures for Greek islands

The emergency situation on the Greek islands is now spiralling out of control as arrivals of foreign nationals crossing from the Turkish coast continue unabated. There are now over 50 000 migrants on the North Aegean islands and around 101 000 asylum applications are pending.

The Greek Government is currently working on a series of measures intended to defuse this explosive situation by easing the burden on the islands that are bearing the brunt of the problem and assisting local communities in facing the unprecedented demands made on them by this disastrous situation.

Given that the Commission's new legislative proposal on migration and asylum is scheduled to be presented in mid-March 2020 and a certain amount of time can be expected to elapse pending its subsequent adoption by Council and Parliament:

Will the Commission seek to introduce a set of interim emergency measures, based on equal burden sharing by Member States, in a bid to provide immediate relief for the Greek islands and avert a humanitarian crisis?

How will it assist the Greek authorities in securing the return of foreign nationals not entitled to international protection immediately and without further delay?