

**Question for written answer E-001352/2020
to the Commission**

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Subject: Migrants and the coronavirus (COVID-19)

In view of recent developments and the reported opening of the Turkish border, Europe is facing a fresh wave of migrants, with some reports suggesting we could see a return to the situation in 2015 if we fail to take concrete action. As a result of the border opening, many third-country nationals are gathering at the border between Turkey and Greece, and, since the opening, almost 25 000 migrants have already been stopped at illegal crossing points. Aside from the migratory threat, we are also facing the issue of the coronavirus (COVID-19) and its easy human-to-human transmission. Without tight control, the migratory surge could cause devastation among EU citizens and wreak havoc on the economy, society and health care system, since no adequate cure or vaccines are yet available.

Against this background:

Has the Commission already begun to take measures to prevent the further spread of the coronavirus (COVID-19) among migrants?

Does the Commission intend to construct quarantine facilities along the Turkish-Greek border?

What measures does the Commission intend to introduce to prevent infected persons from crossing the EU's borders?

What further steps is the Commission taking to combat the coronavirus (COVID-19) with regard to migrants?