

**Question for written answer E-001627/2020  
to the Commission**

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Subject: What is the Commission doing to ensure that refugees at EU borders are dealt with in line with refugee and human rights conventions?

An article in the Danish newspaper 'Avisen Danmark' on 6 March 2020 documents how Greek border guards use 'heavy-handed methods' when dealing with incoming refugees. For example, a named Danish naval officer is quoted in the article as saying: 'We are never going to deal with people in the way that the Greeks do. We are not going to do anything that puts people in danger, and we are not going to use force.'

It is worrying information that the Greek border force is using heavy-handed methods against people who are fleeing.

What is the Commission doing to ensure that refugees at EU borders are dealt with in line with refugee and human rights conventions, and what action will the Commission take against Member States that violate them?