Question for written answer E-001769/2020 to the Commission Rule 138
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Subject: Voluntary return programme

On 12 March 2020, European Commissioner for Home Affairs Ylva Johansson announced, among a series of measures, the creation of a voluntary return programme for migrants.

This month-long programme will offer EUR 2000 to up to 5 000 migrants who arrived in Greece before 1 January 2020 if they are willing to return to their country of origin.

In view of the fact that the International Organization for Migration ran a similar programme in Greece from June 2016 to December 2017 and only managed to repatriate 9 089 migrants, how does the Commission envisage securing 5 000 volunteer returnees in just one month?