

**Question for written answer E-002487/2020
to the Commission**
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Subject: EU border policy following the onset of the coronavirus

On Thursday 16 April, the Commission published guidelines on asylum rules and return and resettlement procedures, calling on Member States to continue returning migrants and refugees not entitled to asylum. The already serious situation existing in the refugee and migrant camps before the crisis is now being compounded by lack of clarification in the guidelines as to what protection Europe will provide for those currently awaiting a solution to their distressing and precarious circumstances.

1. What protection does the Commission intend to provide to those assembled at the borders and in refugee camps?
2. How does it plan to guarantee their safety and health in view of WHO recommendations to keep movements to a minimum?
3. Will the Commission put WHO recommendations ahead of current EU return policy and bilateral agreements between Member States and third countries?