

**Question for written answer E-004634/2020
to the Commission**
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Subject: EU aid for neighbouring countries in a bid to prevent migratory pressures.

The World Bank estimates that fallout from the COVID-19 pandemic will drive 100 million people into extreme poverty. Regrettably, this is only an interim forecast, its most recent assessments prior to the pandemic indicating that approximately 10% of the world population was already in this situation.

In view of this, what measures are being envisaged by the Commission to support poverty-stricken neighbouring countries to the east and south that are now facing the prospect of further destabilisation through the undermining of their economies and are already a source of migratory pressure at EU external borders?

In my opinion, European aid to contain the COVID fallout could greatly help to prevent fresh waves of incoming migrants further destabilising the European Union, whose health sector and economy are already reeling from the impact of the virus.