

**Question for written answer E-004918/2020
to the Commission**
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Subject: First COVID-19 case at Moria refugee camp

At the start of September 2020, the first COVID-19 case was detected at Moria refugee camp on the Greek island of Lesbos.

A number of scientists have called for the immediate evacuation of the camp as, owing to overcrowding and the fact that hygiene infrastructure is practically non-existent there, it has become impossible to take basic prevention measures.

The Greek Government's plan to close the camp will only further compromise the health of the camp's inhabitants and serve as justification for its plans to convert Moria into a closed camp that migrants and refugees are not allowed to leave and from which they may be deported to Turkey under the EU-Turkey migration agreement.

1. Does the Commission plan to take steps to prevent the virus from spreading rapidly around the camp?
2. What is the Commission's assessment of the detention and deportation policies that the Greek Government has been implementing in recent weeks?
3. What will the Commission do to ensure that the rights of the thousands of migrants and refugees trapped in Moria are upheld and to expedite their asylum procedures?