

**Question for written answer E-005247/2020**  
**to the Commission**  
Rule 138  
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**Subject:** The need to be absolutely firm on illegal immigration

On Thursday 24 September, following a meeting held behind closed doors in Brussels with the President of the Commission, Ursula von der Leyen, the Prime Ministers of Poland, Hungary and the Czech Republic expressed their critical and unequivocal views on the new Pact on Migration and Asylum<sup>1</sup>.

The Commission wants to require Member States to accept asylum seekers (for the most part economic migrants), to bear the burden of returning those who are refused asylum or to offer financial assistance on the ground to frontline Member States.

The Hungarian Prime Minister, Viktor Orbán, said that the EU's external borders should 'remain perfectly sealed along all sections' and that 'the basic approach remains the same as the EU would like to manage migration, not stop migrants'.

According to Andrej Babiš, the Czech Prime Minister, 'to stop illegal migration we have to stop illegal migrants when they arrive on European soil'.

In the light of these criticisms, does the Commission intend to revise its ill-considered reception policy in favour of a policy that is absolutely firm on illegal immigration?

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<sup>1</sup> <https://www.euractiv.com/section/justice-home-affairs/news/in-brussels-visegrad-four-reject-the-eus-migration-plan/>