

**Question for written answer E-006672/2020
to the Commission**

Rule 138

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Subject: Unknown whereabouts of 50% of asylum seekers in Greece

Greek Minister for Migration Notis Mitaralis stated in a press conference that the whereabouts of 50% of asylum seekers was unknown.

1. Does the Commission share the view that more stringent external border checks would have made unlawful stays in the European Union impossible not only for temporary asylum seekers in Greece but for illegal migrants in general?
2. Will the Commission help the Member States to locate and identify those asylum seekers who have disappeared? If so, how will it do so?
3. How does the Commission intend to handle the whole range of crises more efficiently in future so that mistakes like this can be avoided?