

**Question for written answer E-006675/2020  
to the Commission**  
Rule 138  
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Subject: Presence of illegal migrants in the EU and their repatriation

Under EU law, every refugee has the right to provisional entry and is entitled to an asylum procedure. This year, over 69 % of asylum applications in the EU were rejected and in previous years the rejection rate was over 50 %. However, most of the asylum seekers are still in the EU.

1. How does the Commission expect external borders to be protected if they are required under EU law to be open to every refugee?
2. In the last year, only 9 700 of the approximately 79 000 illegal arrivals still in Greece despite having been ordered to leave EU territory eventually complied. How and when should migrants without residence permits and hence illegally present in the EU be located in order to be repatriated?
3. What changes to EU law are being envisaged by the Commission with a view to managing and controlling such crises more effectively in the future, in both financial and legal terms?