

**Question for written answer E-001391/2021/rev.1
to the Commission**
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Subject: Human trafficking in Libya: the European Union is encouraging slavery

An investigation by CNN in 2017 brought to light the fact that many migrants travelling through Libya were being sold into slavery. The report showed a slave market near Tripoli. Poignant accounts of often humiliated, dehumanised and tortured escaped slaves who have been stripped of all dignity are ample proof that the situation in Libya remains the same today.

Smugglers and slave-drivers push vulnerable people into travelling to the Libyan coast and then transform their hopes of a better life into one of captivity. A situation that the EU institutions' madness over migration simply encourages.

Given this context, could the Commission answer the following questions:

1. Is the Commission finally planning to help the Libyan authorities fight back against the consequences of its migration policy, in order to put an end to smugglers' criminal activities?
2. Will the Commission turn Frontex into a genuine border control tool instead of a body whose existence encourages migration to Europe and all the abuse that results from it?
3. The African Union, European Union and United Nations Joint Taskforce was set up in 2017 in the margins of the EU-AU Summit to coordinate efforts and save lives along the migration routes. Four years later, what has it achieved?