

**Question for written answer E-001933/2021  
to the Commission**

Rule 138

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Subject: EU funding to tackle the situation in the Canary Islands

On 10 December 2020 the Commission announced EUR 43.2 in funding for Spain to support efforts to tackle the large number of people arriving in the Canary Islands irregularly (some 20 000 this year). The funding will be used to develop temporary accommodation and improve reception conditions, and for health care, food and sanitary facilities<sup>1</sup>.

1. Does the Commission have access to studies which show that the planned funding is better used to support migrants rather than the countries which they are fleeing?
2. Does the Commission have access to studies which suggest that funding such as that planned further encourages migration and is thus aggravating the situation in the Canary Islands?

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<sup>1</sup> [https://ec.europa.eu/commission/presscorner/detail/en/ip\\_20\\_2369](https://ec.europa.eu/commission/presscorner/detail/en/ip_20_2369)