

**Question for written answer E-002643/2021  
to the Commission**  
Rule 138  
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Subject: Tragedy in the Mediterranean

In late April, at least 130 migrants were left to die off the coast of Libya following a shipwreck. This tragedy, just like many others before, could and should have been avoided.

1. How far were the Frontex and Operation Irini vessels from the location of the shipwreck, and were they informed of the search and rescue call?
2. Did any surveillance aircraft call the distressed vessel?
3. What is the Commission going to do about Italy and Malta ignoring distress calls and letting over 130 people die?