

Question for written answer E-002721/2021/rev.1
to the Commission
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Subject: Control of the EU's external border

On 17 May 2021, 6 000 migrants arrived in the Spanish enclave of Ceuta in the space of 24 hours, a single-day record according to Spanish officials. According to the reports, at least one migrant died while trying to cross this external EU border.

Member States are expected to have full control over their external borders. It is vital for the functioning of the Schengen Agreement on the abolishment of internal borders and for the Common European Asylum System.

The New Pact on Asylum and Migration makes efficient and adequate border control even more important, as this is a requirement for the correct application of the Eurodac Regulation, the Screening Regulation and the border procedure and to determine the Member State responsible according to the Asylum and Migration Management Regulation.

As such, I would like to ask the Commission the following questions:

1. What actions is the Commission taking to help Ceuta and Spain to control their external borders?
2. How can the Commission, under the New Pact on Asylum and Migration, ensure that Member States effectively protect and monitor the EU's external borders?
3. How will the Commission, under the New Pact on Asylum and Migration, better monitor the migration situation along the EU's external borders to prevent mass influxes of non-EU nationals?