

Question for written answer E-003249/2021
to the Commission
Rule 138
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Subject: Situation in Belarus

The actions of the President of Belarus continue to threaten the security of the EU and the integrity of its external border. Furthermore, in recent statements, President Lukashenko has threatened to loosen controls at the EU border.

So far this year, the number of people who have entered Lithuania from neighbouring Belarus irregularly is reported to have more than tripled compared to 2020. Such coercive behavior must not be tolerated by the EU.

1. Is the Commission investigating reports that authorities in Belarus are facilitating the movement of irregular migrants towards the EU external border in Lithuania?
2. What action is it taking to prevent weaknesses in the EU's external border between Lithuania and Belarus, and will it consider allocating extra resources and support for Lithuania from agencies such as Frontex?
3. Considering the statements and actions of President Lukashenko regarding border control with the EU, will the Commission be recommending a review of the current approach to sanctions against Belarus's leadership?