Question for written answer E-003438/2021 to the Commission Rule 138 Idoia Villanueva Ruiz (The Left)

Subject: Justice for relatives and communities of migrants who die at Europe's borders

On the night of 30 June, five-year-old Yamila died in a rescue helicopter after spending 17 days on a boat in the Atlantic Ocean, 500 kilometres off the coast of the Canaries. Her mother, who is in France, has not yet been able to travel to the islands to see her daughter and attend her burial because she is undocumented. The case highlights the human tragedy of current border management and the need to address and guarantee the rights of the families and communities of the victims that it claims each year. In view of this:

- 1. What measures does the Commission plan to take, within the realm of its competences, to respond to the reality facing relatives and communities of cross-border victims?
- 2. How does the Commission assess compliance with the right of families to mourn, to receive psychosocial support, to learn the truth and to access reparations, and to be given assurances that it will not happen again?
- 3. How does the new EU Pact on Migration and Asylum aim to improve Europe's response to these situations and prevent the death of migrants at our borders?