

**Question for written answer E-003524/2021/rev.1
to the Commission**

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Subject: Illegal migration from Belarus

The Lithuanian authorities have declared a state of emergency in the light of the increase in illegal migration into Lithuania from Belarus.

It is alleged that Belarus is weaponising migration in retaliation for the sanctions imposed on it by the EU. The *Financial Times* has reported that the Belarusian authorities are using Boeing 777s to bring illegal migrants to Belarus before facilitating their illegal crossing into Lithuania, and that there are currently more than a thousand migrants, mainly from Syria and Iraq, waiting in Minsk.

What evidence does the Commission have of third-party assistance to the Belarusian Government in facilitating the transportation of illegal migrants to Belarus?

Is there any evidence that these illegal migrants include members of the mercenary forces employed by Turkey in the Armenia-Azerbaijan conflict?