

**Question for written answer E-003856/2021
to the Commission**

Rule 138

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Subject: European action plan against migrant trafficking

In 2015, faced by the dramatic rise of illegal immigration into Europe, the European Union launched an action plan against migrant trafficking.

The European agency tasked with combating migrant trafficking (EMSC), which is a Europol body, supports criminal investigations undertaken by the Member States in this context.

The enabling of illegal immigration is one of the priorities of EMPACT (the European Multidisciplinary Platform against Crime Threat), particularly with regard to secondary movements.

1. Will the Commission state whether this matter has been referred to the EMSC, more particularly in the context of the Italian and Greek enquiries into collusion between the members of several NGOs and people smugglers attempting to enable migrants to enter Europe illegally?
2. Will the Commission also state how many arrests have been made each year since the EMSC started providing operational support in 2016?