

**Question for written answer E-005480/2021
to the Commission**

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Subject: Visit of the Association for Juridical Studies on Immigration delegation to the Greek-North Macedonian border

On 6 November 2021, a delegation of Italian members of the Association for Juridical Studies on Immigration travelled from North Macedonia to Idomeni (Greece) as part of a technical-legal visit to the Greek-North Macedonian border, and underwent checks at the Evzoni crossing point¹.

After a quick on-site inspection near Idomeni railway station, the delegation was met by a mixed patrol of Greek police officers, border police and Frontex agents.

After an initial check, the delegation, accused of having entered Greece illegally, was forced into a Greek police van and taken to the local police station.

The delegation was then taken by van to the Evzoni border crossing point, escorted by two Frontex cars, and forced to leave EU territory by walking to the border crossing point in North Macedonia.

1. Is the Commission aware of the above-mentioned facts?
2. Does it believe that the behaviour of the Greek police and Frontex agents is compatible with respect for the freedom of movement and with the Schengen acquis?
3. Does it intend to ask Frontex for clarifications on what happened and, if necessary, to refer the matter to the agency's fundamental rights officer?

¹ <https://en.asgi.it/from-greece-to-north-macedonia-asgi-delegation-rejected-outside-the-european-union-during-a-technical-legal-visit/>