

**Question for written answer E-005590/2021
to the Commission**

Rule 138

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Subject: Pushbacks and the humanitarian crisis at the border between Croatia and Bosnia and Herzegovina.

So far in October 2021, 8 128 people have been recorded as victims of pushback at the border between Croatia and Bosnia and Herzegovina (BiH), and it has been documented how the border authorities use violence, arbitrary detention, theft and destruction of the property of refugees and migrants¹²³. What does the Commission intend to do to prevent the violent pushbacks at the border between Bosnia and Herzegovina and Croatia?

Since 2018, the EU has contributed EUR 101.85 million to addressing the immediate and mid-term needs of refugees, asylum seekers and migrants. This includes EUR 16 million in humanitarian aid⁴⁵⁶⁷.

Nevertheless, NGOs warn of critical conditions for refugees and migrants at the border with the EU, where there is currently an acute shortage of food, medical care and heat, if refugees and migrants are to survive the winter⁸.

¹ https://ec.europa.eu/echo/where/europe/bosnia-and-herzegovina_da

² <https://drc.ngo/about-us/for-the-media/press-releases/2020/11/new-monitoring-mechanism-at-european-borders-should-ensure-fundamental-rights-and-accountability/>

³ https://drc.ngo/media/t0rnyatz/2021_10_drc-bih_border-monitoring-factsheet.pdf

⁴ <https://drc.ngo/da/det-nytter/aktuelt-om-flygtninge/2021/11/bosnien-nyhedsartikel-appel-november-2021/>

⁵ <http://act-for-life.com/index.php/bosnien/>

⁶ <https://www.berlingske.dk/kommentarer/migranter-bliver-taevet-og-ulovligt-adskilt-ved-eus-graenser-det-maa#>

⁷ <https://www.borderviolence.eu/joint-letter-on-croatias-border-monitoring-mechanism/>

⁸ <https://www.berlingske.dk/kommentarer/migranter-bliver-taevet-og-ulovligt-adskilt-ved-eus-graenser-det-maa#>