

**Question for written answer E-000593/2022/rev.1
to the Commission**

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Subject: Container-based coordination centre in Libya

Libya is receiving more money from the EU's SIBMMIL project funds to establish a Maritime Rescue Coordination Centre (MRCC). The centre will enable the European Border and Coast Guard Agency (Frontex) and the forces taking part in EUNAVFOR MED IRINI to report to the Libyan Coast Guard for the purpose of carrying out pull-back operations on refugee vessels. One such centre was to be established in a first SIBMMIL phase in Tripoli. However, neither the Council nor the Commission knows whether this has actually been done. A similar, mobile installation with radar and other sensor technology is now to be stationed in containers on the coast in the second SIBMMIL phase.

1. Does the Commission know whether the EU funds for the establishment of an MRCC in Tripoli under phase 1 of the SIBMMIL programme have been properly used by Italy as implementing partner and Libya as recipient, and if so, where it is located?
2. Where exactly is the new container-based MRCC enabled by phase 2 of the SIBMMIL programme deployed, and what information has the government in Libya provided about which authorities or militias are responsible for its operation?
3. What additional equipment is the Commission making available to Libya to improve maritime traffic monitoring and control of operations, and who is the intended recipient of the equipment?