

**Question for written answer E-000618/2022
to the Commission**
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Subject: Asylum and migration

Following a meeting of EU home affairs ministers on 3 February 2022, French interior minister Gérald Darmanin stressed that countries that do not want to take in migrants in the future should face penalty payments accordingly. In his view, he was referring to the Valletta Agreement, under which in 2019, for the first time, several states agreed on an orderly distribution of 'boat people' migrants. German interior minister Nancy Faeser made reference to that and called for a 'coalition of the willing'.

1. To what extent does the Commission support the idea of a migrant distribution mechanism, including possible sanctions against Member States that oppose such mechanisms?
2. Given that two thirds of asylum seekers have no entitlement at all to protection in the EU, does the Commission already have plans to return those migrants accordingly?
3. What is the Commission's position, as a matter of principle, on pushbacks of illegal migrants at the EU's external borders?