

**Question for written answer E-002092/2022
to the Commission**

Rule 138

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Subject: Use of the container-based Maritime Rescue Coordination Centre in Libya

On 2 December 2021, Italy's Ministry of the Interior delivered a container-based Maritime Rescue Coordination Centre (MRCC) to Libya under the EU-funded SIBMILL ('support to integrated border and migration management in Libya') project. In an earlier phase of the project, the Ministry was supposed to establish a coordination centre in Tripoli. However, neither the Council nor the Commission knows whether this has actually been done or where the EU-funded static coordination centre is even located. Considerable doubts now also surround the containers reaching their destination. There is also evidence to suggest that the Stability Support Authority (SSA), set up by presidential decree in 2021, is attempting to take control of the containers. The SSA militia is known for committing abominable human rights abuses and running a torture camp with as many as 5 000 inmates.

1. To which Libyan authorities/militia (SSA, Libyan Coast Guards (LCG) or General Authority of Coastal Security (GACS)) will the container-based MRCC be handed over, and which authorities are to be responsible for operations?
2. Has the handover of the container-based MRCC already happened, and in which region is it being run?
3. Which Libyan authorities/militia are to be trained in running the container-based MRCC, and when is this training due to start?