

**Question for written answer E-003628/2022  
to the Commission**

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Subject: The Italian Government's migration policy and its effect on the EU's naval sector

Italy's new far-right government has reverted to the policy of harassing and obstructing the humanitarian efforts of numerous NGOs rescuing migrants in the Mediterranean Sea. According to the most recent information, the Italian authorities are going to recommence security inspections as per the Paris MoU (Memorandum of Understanding). Given the experiences of the *Ocean Viking* and the *Rise Above*, the crews of certain vessels, such as the *Aita Mari*, have opted to dedicate the last quarter of 2022 to raising awareness and educating the public. Applying these rules and detaining vessels would lead to an automatic downgrading of all vessels sailing under the same flag, affecting their ability to take on cargo and driving up the insurance costs for the fleet concerned. A purely political decision, one which violates the migration pact and the right to asylum, will thus have a major impact on free competition in the EU's naval sector, and on its ability to compete on the world's stage.

1. What measures could the Commission consider to prevent the Paris MoU from being employed for political ends?
2. Was this issue addressed during the new Italian prime minister's recent visit to Brussels?

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