

**Question for written answer E-003848/2022
to the Commission**

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Subject: Initiatives by Mediterranean coastal states on rescue at sea

In its 'Action Plan for the Central Mediterranean', the Commission calls for the 'promotion' of a dialogue between Mediterranean states on 'regional approaches to search and rescue' of people in distress at sea 'based on solidarity, international cooperation, and partnership'. This 'dialogue' should be carried out 'in close cooperation' with the UNHCR and IOM, too.

1. In the Commission's view, which specific deficits in relation to 'solidarity, international cooperation and partnership' should be addressed by the dialogue?
2. In the Commission's view, which Mediterranean coastal states from the EU and third countries should participate in such a dialogue?
3. Which specific states has the Commission already approached in this regard, and which have accepted to participate?

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