

**Question for written answer E-000131/2023**  
**to the Commission**  
Rule 138  
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Subject: Taking back of Moroccan illegal migrants by Morocco

In 2021, following the Ceuta migration crisis instigated by Morocco itself, the Commission urged Morocco to do something about taking back illegal migrants and controlling migration flow to the Union. In 2022, the Commission decided to transfer EUR 500 million to Morocco for combating illegal migration to the Union.

That took place at a time when the total number of undocumented migrants making the crossing to Europe was rising by 70% on a yearly basis.

1. What effect has the substantial increase in EU funding to Morocco had so far on migration flow from that country?
2. How many illegal migrants has Morocco taken back since 2019?

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