

**Question for written answer E-000773/2023/rev.1
to the Commission**

Rule 138

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Subject: Greece forcing migrants to expel other migrants

According to an investigation carried out by *El País* and *Solomon*, in addition to robbing, hitting, detaining and illegally pushing back migrants at the Greek-Turkish border along the Evros River, Greek border guards are coercing other migrants into carrying out illegal pushbacks of migrants to Turkish soil. According to testimonies gathered by both news outlets, Greek police officers used to carry out these pushbacks, but are now coercing other migrants into doing so, promising them documents to allow them to continue their journey. The Greek officers are doing this to avoid committing human trafficking offences and illegally crossing the border without Türkiye's permission.

In view of the above:

1. What is the Commission's view of Greek border guards coercing migrants into illegally pushing back other migrants?
2. Will it investigate these abuses?
3. How does it intend to ensure compliance with the right to asylum – as enshrined in Article 18 of the Charter of Fundamental Rights – on both Greece's and Europe's borders?

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