

**Question for written answer E-001848/2023
to the Commission**

Rule 138

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Subject: Setting up operational contact points for search-and-rescue operations

EU Member States and associated Schengen Area countries are to set up operational search-and-rescue (SAR) points of contact, which, according to the SAR Contact Group, could be located within national maritime rescue coordination centres. Their stated purpose is to exchange information in a systematic, timely and detailed fashion, with a view to an enhanced situational picture, and to ensure, overall, smooth coordination and cooperation between all relevant actors.

1. Which Member States will have designated an operational SAR point of contact by 15 July 2023 and where, in each case, will the contact point be located?
2. How are the points of contact going to ensure that, as has been called for, information is exchanged in a systematic, timely and detailed fashion, with a view to an enhanced situational picture, and that there is, overall, smooth coordination and cooperation between all relevant actors.

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