

**Question for written answer E-002598/2023
to the Commission**

Rule 138

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Subject: Results of monitoring respect for human rights in Libya

As regards supporting coastguards in Libya with vessels and other equipment, the EU has announced that it will deploy – together with implementing partners, such as Italy – ‘robust monitoring mechanisms’ to monitor respect for human rights in EU programmes. In addition, a third party monitoring system has been in place since 2019, which focuses in particular on compliance with the ‘do no harm’ principle. This is said to receive contributions also from independent external experts on the ground. Finally, the Commission itself has stated that it carries out ad hoc evaluation and monitoring missions.

1. Since 2017, how often or how regularly has the Commission made use of its robust monitoring mechanisms and ad hoc evaluation and monitoring missions in Libya to monitor human rights compliance in EU programmes that support the Libyan Coast Guard?
2. What monitoring systems run by third parties or independent external experts on the ground, focusing inter alia on compliance with the ‘do no harm’ principle, is the Commission able to access? How often has it received notifications from these systems so far?
3. What have the aforementioned mechanisms found so far? What overall assessment has the Commission been able to make regarding the Libyan Coast Guard’s respect for human rights as a result?

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