

**Question for written answer E-000217/2024
to the Commission**

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Subject: Situation on Greek islands

On 12 December 2023, the European Court of Human Rights (ECtHR) granted interim measures (Rule 39) with regard to two Afghan single mothers and their five minor children who were residing in completely unsuitable and unsafe conditions in the closed controlled access center (CCAC) of Kos, which has been funded by the EU.

On 19 September 2023, the ECtHR had also granted interim measures (application 34712/23) on account of the unsuitable living conditions to which asylum applicants in the similarly EU-funded CCAC of Samos were subjected.

In the light of the EU Ombudswoman's own-initiative strategic inquiry into how the Commission ensures respect for fundamental rights in EU-funded migration management facilities in Greece (CASE OI/3/2022/MHZ)¹ and the Ombudswoman's relevant decision², which inter alia highlight the 'detention-like nature' of these facilities and recommend an ex-post fundamental rights impact assessment,

1. What is the Commission's assessment on the ongoing fundamental rights concerns raised vis-à-vis the conditions prevailing in EU-funded CCACs?
2. Does the Commission consider that the Greek islands are under what could be perceived as a situation of 'migratory pressure'?
3. What measures does it aim to take to ensure that these recurrent concerns are addressed, including in the context of the common European asylum system?

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¹ <https://www.ombudsman.europa.eu/en/case/en/62000>

² <https://www.ombudsman.europa.eu/en/decision/en/170792>