

**Question for written answer P-005351/2018  
to the Commission**  
Rule 130  
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Subject: Conduct of the French authorities in the area on the Italian border

In recent days, it has been established that the French Gendarmerie has turned back a large number of migrants bound for France.

In many cases, it has done so using methods which did not comply with the required procedures and which failed to respect the physical and psychological integrity of the individuals concerned.

In recent years too, the French Gendarmerie has unlawfully operated inside Italian territory.

Italian train conductors serving on trains to France are forced to deal with tasks outside their field of responsibility, such as the management of migrants trying to enter France.

People in Italy, and in Europe generally, perceive migration as a priority for action by the EU institutions and there is accordingly an urgent need for a common, unified approach to the problem.

1. Will the Commission investigate these incidents, which are contrary to the founding principles of the Union?
2. Will it take action, and if so, how, to ensure that the French authorities do not act in the same way in future?