

**Priority question for written answer P-001283/2020  
to the Commission**

Rule 138

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Subject: Turkey 'opened the doors' for migrants to the European Union

According to recent statements made by Turkish President Erdoğan, 18 000 migrants crossed into the EU on 28 and 29 February 2020. On 28 February, Turkey gave assurances to the EU, emphasising that all aspects of the EU-Turkey deal were still in effect. One day later, President Erdoğan stated that Turkey would no longer abide by the deal, and thus effectively reneged on Turkish commitments on border and coast management. Currently there are 4 000 migrants at the Greek-Turkish border. The EU should stand shoulder-to-shoulder with the Greek and Bulgarian authorities, and provide them with the necessary operational and financial support. Moreover, the EU should insist that Turkey abides by its commitments. The EU has to take a firm stand, including considering all possible measures, as it should not be intimidated by Erdoğan <sup>1</sup>.

1. Could the Commission elaborate on the substance of contingency plans and policies to prevent another massive migrant influx?
2. Can the Commission specify how the EU will provide support to the Greek and Bulgarian authorities in ensuring proper coast and border management?
3. Does the Commission agree that opening up a dialogue is vital, and that the EU should facilitate a summit which includes Russia and Turkey to address the overarching issues that affect the whole region?

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<sup>1</sup> <https://www.rtlnieuws.nl/nieuws/buitenland/artikel/5039411/turkije-migranten-europa-duizenden-grens-open-syrie-bombardement>