

**Priority question for written answer P-001972/2022
to the Commission**

Rule 138

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Subject: Illegal pushbacks continuing despite European Court of Human Rights interim measures

As described by the Greek Refugee Council¹, 94 Syrians, including minors with health problems and young mothers with babies, were recently stranded on an Evros islet for several days without food or water. Despite interim measures introduced by the European Court of Human Rights on 24 May 2022 to ensure that the people were given immediate humanitarian and medical assistance and would fall under the reception and identification procedures provided by the law, they were pushed back to Turkey last weekend, according to reports from their relatives in Turkey.

1. Does the Commission evaluate the above-described actions by Greece as compliant with EU law, including the Charter of Fundamental Rights?
2. What steps will it take to follow up on the possible refoulement of 94 Syrians?
3. Does it have any information on other illegal pushbacks by Greece or the number of allegations of illegal behaviour at Greece's borders?

¹ <https://www.gcr.gr/en/news/press-releases-announcements/item/1974-new-echr-decision-instructing-greece-to-save-syrian-refugees-at-the-evros-region-we-call-on-the-greek-government-to-comply-and-save-their-lives>