

**Question for written answer
to the Commission**

Rule 130

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Subject: Application of Relocation Decisions 2015/1523 and 2015/1601 ahead of their expiration date (26/09/17)

In its judgment of 06/09/17, the EU Court of Justice dismissed the actions brought by Slovakia and Hungary to challenge relocation, noting that “the lack of cooperation on the part of certain Member States” is the leading cause of the small number of relocations of international protection seekers.

ECRE’s paper “Relocation not Procrastination” notes that political and legal resistance to relocate international protection seekers includes also “prohibitive preferences expressed by some Member States to severe delays in pledging relocation places as well as in processing and providing offers by Italy and Greece”.

As the expiration date for the application of Relocation Decisions 2015/1523 and 2015/1601 is close (26/09/17) we ask the Commission:

1. Whether they plan to launch other infringement proceedings against non-complying States?
2. Will the Commission revise the Dublin returns to Italy and Greece, prioritizing the solidarity elements of the relocations?
3. In september 2015, President Juncker announced a permanent relocation mechanism under the Dublin system. In May 2017, the EP has requested the Commission to present a new relocation proposal pending the reform of the Dublin system. However, why has Commissioner Avramopoulos stated that the Commission will not present new proposals for relocation?

Sources:

<https://www.ecre.org/wp-content/uploads/2017/09/Policy-Note-07.pdf>