



MEPs ask for further details of EU-wide police crackdown on clandestine migrants

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Concerns about how to reconcile the fundamental rights and non-discrimination of migrants with the need to gather information to dismantle criminal networks profiting from trafficking were the key points raised by MEPs in Wednesday evening's debate with the Italian Presidency of the Council, represented by Benedetto Della Vedova on the EU-wide police crackdown on clandestine migrants "Mos Maiorum".

MEPs called for more information on the joint police operation initiated by the Italian Presidency of the Council, the role of the EU border check management agency Frontex, and what happens to the people who are apprehended. They urged the Presidency to return to Parliament to present the results of the operation.

Many MEPs stressed the need for a system of legal immigration and noted that the existence of such an operation shows the insufficiency of the Dublin regulations (which determine which EU country must process asylum applications) and questioned whether such ad hoc operations are the right tools to solve irregular migration. Many MEPs stressed that northern EU countries should show more solidarity with those on the southern borders, and some called for more stringent border checks.

Watch the video recording of the debate ([link to the right](#))

Procedure: Council statement followed by debate (without resolution)

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