

MEPs ask EU to verify whether Turkey is shooting Syrians who try to cross border

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The European Union should check the veracity of reports that Turkish border guards are shooting and killing Syrians who are trying to flee their country, said the Civil Liberties Committee on Tuesday. MEPs also asked the European Commission to assess whether the EU-Turkey deal to manage migration and refugee flows can continue to apply in these circumstances.

Most MEPs described the reports coming from the Syria-Turkey border as “extremely worrying” and agreed that if they proved true, then there should be “consequences”. While acknowledging that the number of migrant arrivals has fallen substantially following the deal with Ankara, they underlined that the refugee relocation scheme is not working and that the resettlement programme is progressing very slowly. They also voiced concerns about the pressure on the Greek appeals committees reviewing inadmissibility decisions on asylum claims.

You can catch up with the debate [here](#)

Further information

- Second Report on the progress made in the implementation of the EU-Turkey Statement (European Commission, 15.06.2016)

: http://ec.europa.eu/dgs/home-affairs/what-we-do/policies/european-agenda-migration/proposal-implementation-package/docs/20160615/2nd_commission_report_on_progress_made_in_the_implementation_of_the_eu-turkey_agreement_en.pdf
- EU-Turkey statement , 18 March 2016
: <http://www.consilium.europa.eu/en/press/press-releases/2016/03/18-eu-turkey-statement/>
- Committee on Civil Liberties, Justice and Home Affairs:
<http://www.europarl.europa.eu/committees/en/libe/home.html>

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