

**Question for written answer E-015392/2015  
to the Commission**  
Rule 130  
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Subject: Greek exit from Schengen Area

Greece has been a party to the Schengen Agreement since 2000, enabling its citizens to move freely in partner Member States. However the countries forming the gateway to the EU are now facing a new problem, being forced to bearing the brunt of a massive refugee influx.

Growing rumours of Greece's impending exit from the Schengen Area are causing its citizens great concern following reports of failure by the Greek Government to fulfil its commitments under the recent agreement with Western Balkan countries.

For Greek citizens, membership of the Schengen Agreement is an acquired right guaranteeing freedom of movement to and from Greece, thereby underpinning European integration.

In view of this:

Can the Commission say whether failure by the Greek Government to meet its commitments might mean its exit from the Schengen Area?