In its decision of 6 November 2026, the European Commission included Latvia among the group of countries facing a risk of migratory pressure. The Ministry of the Interior disagreed with this assessment and wrote to the Commission, requesting that it be revised and that Latvia be recognised as a country facing significant migratory pressure. The letter calls on the Commission to fully assess the instrumentalisation of migration at the external border and take into account the number of attempted irregular border-crossings prevented, the resources invested in protecting the external border, and the pressure on Latvia's public services resulting from the reception of Ukrainian civilians.

Following a joint appeal by the interior ministers of Latvia, Lithuania, Estonia, Poland and Finland, the Commission has provided a written commitment to include, in quantitative terms, attempted irregular entries prevented at the external border in the 2028 assessment cycle. These data had not previously been included in the quantitative calculations. The Ministry of the Interior considered this commitment an important achievement but noted that it does not in itself address Latvia's objections to the 2027 assessment.

In September 2026, the Minister of the Interior approached his Italian counterpart to initiate discussions on cooperation regarding the establishment and implementation of the solidarity pool. Latvia opposes both the relocation of migrants to its territory and financial contributions. Instead, it offers alternative forms of support, including the expertise and experience of its border guards, as well as experts and equipment.

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