

Question for written answer E-014628/2015
to the Commission
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Subject: Implementation of the Solidarity and Management of Migration Flows joint programme

The Solidarity and Management of Migration Flows (SOLID) joint programme is one of the EU's most important policy tools for the integration of third country nationals. It is intended to encourage the integration of third country nationals into EU Member States, to strengthen solidarity and to share out the financial burden associated with the management of the common external borders and the implementation of the common asylum and immigration policy. For the 2007-2013 period, the funds allocated to the SOLID programme amounted to over EUR 4 billion.

A well functioning SOLID programme is of particular importance during the ongoing immigration crisis. However, in 2012 the European Court of Auditors' special report No 22 set out a number of complaints regarding the activities of the SOLID fund, in particular due to the complicated structure of the SOLID programme, which is fragmented, complex and inadequately coordinated with other EU funds. It is also impossible to evaluate the specific outcomes of the SOLID programme in the Member States, since the Commission has not implemented a common system of indicators or established measurable and comparable objectives.

Has the Commission taken, or does it plan to take, steps aimed at ensuring the effective implementation of the SOLID programme in the Member States?