

**Question for written answer E-015863/2015**  
**to the Commission**  
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Subject: Social and work integration of non-EU nationals and stateless persons

Europe is going through an unprecedented humanitarian crisis on its external and internal borders, caused by the massive influx of non-EU nationals and stateless persons fleeing poverty and the wars being fought in parts of its eastern and southern neighbourhood. As the Commission has rightly noted, the challenge is immense, as is the responsibility which Member States and the European institutions will together have to shoulder in order, in the first place, to take the necessary emergency measures when these people reach our borders and, later on, to help them integrate into society and work.

For the purposes of implementing the Stability and Growth Pact, what specific flexibility criteria will the Commission apply in order to allow for the impact on Member States' budgets resulting from higher expenditure and investment related to the social and work integration of refugees, following the approach set out in the Annual Growth Survey 2016?