

**Question for written answer E-015960/2015  
to the Commission**  
Rule 130  
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Subject: Turkey's stance on the refugee issue in the light of the recent events in the Aegean Sea and avoidance of a new tragedy

Iraqi immigrants from Turkey were rescued thanks to the immediate response of Greek and Spanish lifeguards, after the overcrowded boat they were in capsized, which resulted in the Iraqi immigrants running the risk of drowning or dying from hypothermia in the cold Aegean Sea.

Will the Commission say:

- How does it intend to ensure Turkey's compliance, whose policy regarding refugees remains unchanged, and in which way does it intend to ensure the proper and efficient management of the financial assistance provided by the EU to Turkish authorities in order to deal with the refugee issue?