

Question for written answer E-014970/2015
to the Commission
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Subject: Flexible implementation of Stability Pact response to refugee crisis

In his speech in Strasbourg on 27 October, President Juncker called on all Member States to notify the Commission of any exceptional expenditure arising from the refugee crisis to be taken into account for implementation of the Stability Pact, indicating that each country would be assessed separately in order to examine the scope for flexibility regarding compliance with the Pact.

In its note of 18 November, the General Secretariat of the Council proposes the mobilisation of EUR 1.5 million from the Flexibility Instrument to finance measures to deal with the refugee crisis.

In view of this:

- Can the Commission say whether Greece has officially reported any exceptional expenditure arising from the refugee crisis to be taken into account for implementation of the Stability Pact?
- Has Greece proposed any changes to the 2014-2020 programme framework provisions with a view to meeting the urgent needs of refugees?
- What will be the qualitative and quantitative criteria for allocation of additional resources to be mobilised through the flexibility instrument and what procedures must be followed?