

Question for written answer E-014636/2015
to the Commission
Rule 130
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Subject: Education of refugee children in EU and non-EU countries and the impact of the refugee crisis on the quality of education systems in the EU

According to Frontex, more than 710 000 refugees and migrants have entered the EU in the last year. The UNHCR reports that most are adult men (65%), while the number of women (14%) and school-age children (20%) has also been rising recently.

Non-EU countries are also having to deal with large numbers of refugees. According to UNHCR figures, there are currently 1.9 million Syrian refugees in Turkey and around 1.1 million in Lebanon. Human Rights Watch says that more than 400 000 refugee children in Turkey are currently without access to education.

Under international law the children of refugees have to be given access to education. If we fail to uphold that right, we make it harder for them to integrate into society and build a successful future.

1. Is the Commission planning measures at EU level and funding in the EU budget for integrating refugee children into European society (to learn European languages and about European history and culture) or do the Member States have to provide the funds from their national budgets?
2. Has the Commission drawn up an assessment of the impact of integrating refugee children on the quality of education systems in the European Union?
3. How is the Commission helping to ensure that refugee children outside the EU, in countries such as Turkey and Lebanon, have access to education?