

**Question for written answer E-015807/2015
to the Commission**
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Subject: Management and assessment of resources for refugees arriving in Spain

In 2015, almost one million refugees arrived in the EU seeking asylum. Of these, the European Commission, in agreement with the Council, decided to reallocate 160 000 to various Member States, so as to relieve the financial and social burden on those receiving the largest number of applications. 19 219 refugees were accordingly allocated to Spain, which has, however, taken in only 12 to date.

While certain Member States have been reluctant to accept the above arrangements, the governments of a number of regions with legislative and fiscal powers, including Catalonia, along with their local authorities and civil society, have displayed the political will to take in refugees.

In view of this, will the Commission introduce a mechanism enabling those regions with the necessary fiscal, legislative and other powers for the reception and integration of migrants to take in refugees in addition to the quota already allocated to their Member State, thereby facilitating the relocation of refugees at European level?

Can the Commission disclose the amount of funding earmarked for refugees in Spain? Does it believe that it should be managed by local and regional authorities effectively providing aid for refugees?