

**Question for written answer E-014625/2015
to the Commission**
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Subject: Provision of refugee reception centres

In recent weeks, the European Union has been overrun by hundreds of thousands of refugees, mostly people fleeing the widespread bloodshed and civil war in Syria. The overwhelming majority of them come from the Aegean Islands in Greece, having crossed over from the Turkish coast, frequently perishing in the attempt owing to their unseaworthy craft and/or the adverse weather conditions. Many of them are in any case entitled to asylum, because of the peril they face from hostilities at home.

On 6 October, the Commission published a draft action plan to step up cooperation with Turkey for the management of refugee and migration flows¹ for example by providing it with funding for improved infrastructures. At their meeting of 9 November 2015, EU interior ministers also discussed the possibility of setting up processing centres in the Balkan countries.²

In view of this:

Would the Commission be prepared examine the possibility of setting up refugee reception and processing centres in Turkey, so as to ensure that those entitled to asylum can be brought safely into the EU and distributed between the Member States in accordance with pre-determined criteria?

¹ http://europa.eu/rapid/press-release_MEMO-15-5777_en.htm

² <https://euobserver.com/migration/131036>