

Question for written answer E-015256/2015
to the Commission
Rule 130
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Subject: Funds allocated to Turkey to contain migration flows

An EU-Turkey summit was held in Brussels on 29 November 2015 during which the leaders of the 28 Member States approved EUR 3 billion in aid for Turkey to contain the massive flow of refugees to the European Union. It seems the aid will be used to enable the two million Syrians already in Turkey to remain there by helping them to obtain a work permit and educate their children in the Turkish education system. Ms Mogherini emphasised that this aid is to be used exclusively for refugees.

1. This is a very significant amount of aid and there is a great deal at stake in this exercise for the EU. How will the Commission make sure that these funds will indeed be allocated to organisations working to improve the refugees' situation with a view to their non-negotiable return to their countries of origin, and not to the Turkish Government?
2. What criteria will the Commission use in selecting the organisations to benefit from this aid?
3. What monitoring mechanisms will the Commission establish to ensure these funds are used properly?