

**Question for written answer E-001308/2019
to the Commission**

Rule 130

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Subject: Expenditure declared by the Greek authorities in connection with the refugee crisis

Since the beginning of the migrant crisis, Greece has been the main beneficiary of European funding intended to address the problems created by the arrival of migrants and effectively manage this extremely difficult situation. However, in recent years, following the EU-Turkey Statement (March 2016), the influx of refugees into Greece appears to have diminished substantially.

The management of the migratory flows no longer appears to require emergency measures according to EU officials, who are now in favour of a return to normal funding levels.

A recent Commission report also calls on the Greek Government to urgently implement an effective and sustainable national migration management strategy, making optimum use of European funding earmarked for this purpose.

In view of this and given that the national authorities are responsible for the efficient management of European funding:

1. Can the Commission say what national refugee programme expenditure was declared by the Greek Government in February 2019 for the period 16.10.2017 - 15.10.2018 and what measures did it cover?
2. In which areas can it see that the take-up of European funding by the Greek authorities still being delayed?
3. Is there a risk of unused European refugee funding being forfeit?