

**Question for written answer E-005365/2014
to the Commission (Vice-President / High Representative)**
Rule 117
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Subject: VP/HR - Neighbourhood policy: Syria

Given the scale of the humanitarian crisis resulting from the Syrian conflict, and the aid and assistance the EU is providing with the explicit aim of helping civil society to play a key role in restoring stability to the country, are any specific projects being undertaken to enable women, who are the backbone of any society, to make an active contribution, and no longer be seen merely as a vulnerable group? Have efforts been made to enable them to play a key role in resolving the complex crisis in Syria?