

**Question for written answer E-009647/2014
to the Commission**
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Subject: Treatment of refugees and the fight against IS

Although most Syrians and Yazidis who apply are granted asylum in the EU, they must first get here. Refugees thus have little choice but to put their fates in the hands of human traffickers, which often costs them everything they own and in some cases their lives. At the same time, the flow of funding which IS continues enjoy from a variety of sources needs to be stemmed as a matter of urgency. Meanwhile, Turkey is continuing to adopt an ambivalent attitude towards IS and its borders remain open to IS fighters.

1. What specific steps is the Commission taking to cope with the current refugee situation, and how does it intend to address the related problem of human trafficking?
2. What action is the Commission taking to shut down IS funding sources? What is being done to prevent the payment of ransoms by Member States, the smuggling of oil into the EU and the trade in antiquities of doubtful provenance?
3. Will the Commission put pressure on Turkey, in the accession negotiations or otherwise, to close its borders with IS-controlled regions?