

**Question for written answer E-007229/2015  
to the Commission**  
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Subject: EU aid for victims of the Syria crisis

One of the main causes of the unimaginable suffering of the Syrian people in the past few years is that large parts of the country are under the control of radical Islamist groups such as IS and the Al-Nusra Front. A particularly cautious approach is needed, therefore, to the issue of the provision of financial aid to Syria, since there is a strong chance that the money involved will be misappropriated. The Commission recently announced that EU financial aid to Syria is to be doubled to EUR 1.1 billion.

What criteria does the Commission use to determine how EU aid should be granted? What organisations is the Commission working with to provide assistance to people in Syria?

How can the Commission ensure that financial aid reaches victims and is used to fund reconstruction, and does not fall into the hands of terrorist organisations?

Has any of the financial aid granted to Syria until now been misappropriated, and if so, how much?