

**Question for written answer E-010201/2015
to the Commission**
Rule 130
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Subject: Blue Card Directive for refugees

In the Commission Work Programme for 2015, it was stated that the Blue Card Directive is currently being reviewed to allow for an influx of migrant workers. In April 2015, the President of the Commission informed Parliament that he wants to facilitate work permits for refugees.

A forced relocation system is currently being negotiated. The Commission basically wants the same for resettlement. According to some MEPs, humanitarian 'C' category visas are an existing possibility under the Visa Code.

Can we now also expect this fourth legal route into Europe, and if so, what will it look like? Are we looking at a complete overhaul of the Blue Card Directive for this purpose or will a temporary clause be introduced that removes the strict conditions as they currently apply (e.g. a concluded labour contract) for just this group of people?