

**Question for written answer E-013366/2015
to the Commission**

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Subject: Refugee crisis monitoring unit

With huge numbers of people arriving in the EU from various war-torn countries, the wellbeing of those people, including a large proportion of minors, is at risk on many fronts. Alongside the efforts being made by law enforcement agencies in some Member States, NGOs and people volunteering on a spontaneous basis, there is no evidence of direct or indirect coordination by the EU of any emergency assistance measures. Nor is it clear how the Commission is obtaining accurate data on the crisis, with a lack of up-to-date official figures on exactly how many people are on the move. It is therefore vital that the 'hotspots' in which people in transit are gathering are monitored, and that the actions of national authorities are observed.

Has the Commission set up a special unit for the specific and continuous monitoring of this crisis?

If so:

Which departments within the Commission are involved?

Is the unit in a position to draw up reports or make statements that can be shared with Parliament and made public on a regular basis, providing the European public with official, verified data?