

**Question for written answer E-013382/2015
to the Commission**
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Subject: Delays in distributing aid to the most deprived

The onset of autumn always sees an increase in demand for aid from food banks in Belgium on the part of the most deprived. Last year over 130 000 Belgians received aid from food banks: a 7% increase in one year.

Although a significant proportion of the aid comprises contributions from individuals and supermarkets committed to tackling the problem of unsold food, the lion's share – 60% of the aid distributed – is provided by the EU through the Fund for European Aid to the Most Deprived (FEAD).

With temperatures likely to start dropping, food banks are concerned that they will receive less funding than last year. Press reports speak of delays in setting up new European structures.

What is the actual situation? Should food banks be worried that they will receive less funding than last year?

Is there an estimate of how much funding will be available to help feed the most deprived?