

**Question for written answer E-013413/2015  
to the Commission**

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Subject: Cohesion policy conditionality in regard to unsupportive Member States - the case of the refugee crisis in the EU

In regard to the refugee crisis currently being tackled by the EU, some of the Member State governments seated round the table at the Council – the body with the responsibility of finding a sharing mechanism that may alleviate the emergency situation – have been behaving in a manner that is questionable and contrary to the founding principles and common values, for instance respect for human dignity and solidarity, of the EU as laid down in its Treaty.

There is a call from various quarters for the Commission to examine the possibility of establishing reprogramming mechanisms or suspending the EU's Structural and Investment Funds, in the same way as happens when mechanisms for sound economic governance are not applied (Article 23 of Regulation (EU) No 1303/2013 laying down common provisions concerning cohesion policy). Is the Commission considering this action in those cases where a Member State may have failed to apply the founding principles and common values of the EU as laid down in the Treaty on European Union?