

**Question for written answer E-014416/2015
to the Commission**
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Subject: EU aid to Kobane

In October 2015 I was able to visit Kobane, a town in Syrian Kurdistan which sadly became famous for being partially occupied by ISIS terrorists. Following six months of fighting, it was retaken by Kurdish forces at a terrible cost, not just because of the sheer scale of the fighting but also because Turkey refused to open the border on the outskirts of the town.

Having talked to Kobane's reconstruction committee and walked around the town, I can confirm that 70% of Kobane is in ruins. At least EUR 2 million are needed to reconnect the water supply and EUR 20 million to bring the town back to normal.

The EU recently pledged EUR 6 million, but the town council, the reconstruction committee and the various social stakeholders on the ground maintain that money has not arrived in Kobane.

Does the EU know whether that aid has arrived? Will it investigate where this money – EU taxpayers' money – actually is?