

**Question for written answer E-000285/2016
to the Commission**
Rule 130
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Subject: The situation in the 'Jungle' in Calais

The camp in Calais, improvised on the site of a former rubbish tip, has become the largest shanty town in Europe. More than 6 000 migrants, coming mainly from Eastern Africa, the Middle East and Afghanistan, have crammed themselves into makeshift shacks and tents in the hope of eventually making it to the UK.

On 31 August 2015, during his visit to Calais, the Vice-President of the Commission, Frans Timmermans, announced that EUR 5.2 million in emergency aid would be released to help manage the situation. This aid is intended for the construction of a new bricks-and-mortar camp and for transporting asylum-seekers from Calais to other cities in France.

The rise in the number of migrants inside the 'Jungle' and the deteriorating sanitary conditions are contributing to an increase in violence inside the camp itself.

1. Given the worsening situation in Calais, does the Commission plan to reassess the amount of aid it is giving?
2. What specific proposals can the Commission make with a view to dealing, on a long-term basis, with these humanitarian emergencies in Europe?