

**Question for written answer E-000780/2016  
to the Commission**  
Rule 130  
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Subject: Funding for refugee support projects

Organisations applying for European grants for refugee support projects must provide co-financing at a rate of 2%.

This means that those organisations that support the largest numbers of refugees must also provide the largest amounts of money. Given that most organisations helping to support refugees are NGOs and their income has fallen as a result of the economic crisis that has hit Europe in recent years, does the Commission see any possibility of removing the 2% co-financing requirement for projects submitted with the aim of helping to resettle the thousands of refugees who are arriving in Europe?