

**Question for written answer E-001969/2016  
to the Commission**  
Rule 130  
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Subject: EU Civil Protection Mechanism and the migration crisis

The EU Civil Protection Mechanism was established to provide practical support to countries that are affected by the crisis and that are struggling to deal with its repercussions. As it stands, Serbia, Slovenia, Croatia and Greece have requested assistance regarding the EU migrant crisis.

Unfortunately, only a little over half of Member States have responded so far to the calls for assistance, which includes, for instance, providing bedding, clothing, medical supplies as well as expert support. Resources are still, however, disproportionate to needs and will become even more urgent in spring when there is another increase in the number of refugees arriving at the gates of Europe. For instance, Athens has requested 26 ambulances, but so far has not received a single one. In addition, out of the 100 thousand sleeping bags ordered by Greece, only 4 100 have been delivered. Unfortunately, many Member States are ignoring the calls for assistance. In the face of the current migrant crisis, the non-compulsory nature of the assistance provided under the EU Civil Protection Mechanism seems to be insufficient.

As a result, I would like to ask the Commission if it plans to revise the operational provisions of the EU Civil Protection Mechanism in order to ensure that it functions better?