Question for written answer E-004553/2016 to the Commission Rule 130 Helga Stevens (ECR)

Subject: Allocation of funds in the framework of the Syrian refugee crisis

In February 2016, the Commission stated in a communication that addressing the refugee crisis and managing the EU's external borders are top priorities for the Union, and that, because of this, it had more than doubled EU funding to meet these challenges in 2015 and 2016.

The Commission further specifies allocating a total of EUR 10.1 billion, of which EUR 3.7 billion comes under the AMIF and ISF funds for projects inside the EU. The bulk of the latter funding, namely EUR 3 365 billion, is to support long-term measures in the relevant Member States.

Earlier fact sheets listed Greece and Italy as top receivers of EU funds in this regard, with half a billion each in long-term funding for the period 2014-2020. At that time - at the end of September 2015 - only a fraction of the funds had actually been transferred.

All this information is very fragmented, to say the least, and lacks transparency.

- 1. Can the Commission provide an up-to-date fact sheet listing the allocations per Member State for the purpose of dealing with the Syrian refugee crisis?
- 2. Can the Commission specify how much money was actually transferred, and not just foreseen for disbursement?
- 3. Can the Commission give detailed information about the projects that were or will be funded with this money?

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