

**Question for written answer E-005371/2016
to the Commission**
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Subject: Designation of Turkey as a 'safe country' for refugees

The attack carried out on 28 June 2016 at Istanbul airport - the third busiest in Europe - killed 43 people and injured nearly 100. It is the latest in a string of terrorist attacks which have taken place in Turkey over the past few years. In just the first six months of 2016 there were at least seven deadly attacks.

The EU has offered only half-hearted condemnation of these atrocities. EU leaders, meeting in Brussels to discuss 'Brexit', issued a brief statement, but then blithely went back to their talks.

Recent terrorist attacks have revealed the persistence of the terrorist threat in Turkey, and the events of 28 June highlighted once again that it is not a safe country for migrants and refugees.

In light of the escalating violence:

Does the EU still consider Turkey a safe country for refugees, even though recent events have confirmed that it is not?

Given that the terrorist attacks in Europe have been committed by European citizens facing extreme social exclusion and discrimination, how will the Commission be stepping up security in the EU to prevent further attacks?