

**Question for written answer E-007310/2016
to the Commission**

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Subject: Refugees in Turkey and the homeless in Europe: double standards

On 26 September 2016, during a visit to Turkey, the European Commissioner for Humanitarian Aid announced that pre-paid cash cards to a value of EUR 380 million were to be presented to refugees in Turkey.

Since in Europe there are tens of millions of people living under the poverty threshold (9 million in France alone) and hundreds of thousands of homeless people (150 000 in France alone), does the Commission intend to extend that measure to cover Europeans who have ended up on the streets in their own countries owing to an economic and social situation which the EU has been unable, or unwilling, to equip itself with the means to resolve?

Such a measure would also restore a 'semblance of normality' to homeless people in the EU, just as the Commissioner said it would for refugees in Turkey.