

**Question for written answer E-008252/2016**  
**to the Commission**  
Rule 130  
**Notis Marias (ECR)**

Subject: Allegations of mismanagement in Greece of European funds for addressing refugee flows

The former Secretary-General of First Reception and Identification of the Ministry of Migration Policy, Odysseas Voudouris, made revealing public statements on shortcomings in the absorption and management of funds intended for addressing refugee flows.

Mr Voudouris stated in his letter to the Minister dated 12 September 2016 that there are considerable delays in the implementation of Law 4375/2016 and, in particular, as regards the provisions on the administrative organisation of accommodation infrastructure. This fact, as he told reporters, has resulted in delays in the absorption of funds allocated by the EU, which amounts to 28%.

In addition, Mr Voudouris referred to an unwillingness to comply with international standards in the construction of accommodation, resulting in delays, possible subsequent direct awards and projects being overpriced.

The Commission is asked:

1. What actions will it take in the light of the above statements by the former Secretary-General in relation to the management of European funds?
2. What initiatives will it take for the immediate absorption of the EU funds intended to address refugee flows?