

**Question for written answer E-008516/2016**  
**to the Commission (Vice-President / High Representative)**  
Rule 130  
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Subject: VP/HR - Internally displaced persons in Ukraine

I would like to draw your attention to the conflict between armed groups and government forces in Eastern Ukraine which started in April 2014. I am concerned about internally displaced persons (IDPs), who are in great need of help.

According to Ukrainian representatives, aid is in high demand. IDPs still face high electricity, gas, water and accommodation costs, they have lost their homes and their jobs, and students are being deprived of a future.

I am convinced that we should support the Ukrainian people affected by the conflict and suffering from the current crisis situation, in particular by providing assistance and development support. I believe it is important to gather our strength in order to fulfil the desired objectives, restore people's dignity and help promote European and democratic values among young people.

What action is the Commission taking with regard to this issue?

What help is currently being given by the Commission to those who are the most vulnerable and most affected by the conflict?