

Question for written answer E-009416/2016
to the Commission
Rule 130
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Subject: EU funding possibilities for men and boys at risk of sexual exploitation

As has been reported, both in the press and by individuals and organisations working on the ground in Greece, and in other areas under pressure across Europe, men and boys seeking protection in Europe are increasingly falling victim to sexual violence and sexual exploitation.

Given that the vast majority of organisations working to prevent or respond to sexual violence focus on assisting women and children, which is of course essential and necessary, there appears to be an alarming gap in funding and support services available to men and boys.

A very large percentage of unaccompanied minors seeking protection in the EU are boys, and are particularly vulnerable to such exploitation. Could the Commission provide details of specific funding possibilities which are available, or actions it is undertaking to address this issue, particularly in the Member States and regions under most pressure, including in the 'hotspots'.

Could the Commission indicate whether there are any funding possibilities under the Emergency Assistance Instrument (DG ECHO), or under the Asylum, Migration and Integration Fund (AMIF), to address this exploitation, given that it is essential for funding to meet the developing needs on the ground?