

**Question for written answer E-000004/2017
to the Commission**

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Subject: Asylum policy data

David Miliband, President of an NGO founded by Albert Einstein in 1933, has written an article in which he recalls Einstein's frustration at Roosevelt's migration policies, describing a 'wall of bureaucratic measures' erected by the State Department, 'alleged to be necessary to protect America against subversive, dangerous elements'. He called it a 'paranoid' policy which abandoned countless asylum-seekers to their fate, with dramatic consequences.

In the EU we are building a wall which will never be able to contain the desperation of the ever-increasing millions of people fleeing conflict (more than 65 million in 2015, according to the UNHCR), the average duration of which is 37 years; in other words, with little chance of ever returning home.

Rather than spending resources on building dykes to hold back an unstoppable tide, we need to rethink cooperation policy in global terms. In a report entitled 'One Humanity, Shared Responsibility', Ban Ki-moon called for the establishment of 'collective outcomes that are strategic, clear, quantifiable and measurable'. Is that what we have?

At the end of 2015, Commissioner Georgieva proposed budget changes to address the refugee crisis. Since then, how much has been spent on cooperation and conflict resolution and how much on containment, border protection and repatriation?