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Subject: Fate of the budget funds earmarked for aid for Syrian refugees in Turkey and emergency assistance in the Union

The recent arrival of freezing cold weather made us wonder what action the Commission was taking to assist more than 7 500 refugees trapped in Serbia and elderly people on the Greek islands. In response to this unendurable situation, in the following days the Commission informed the media that EUR 748 million had been disbursed on contracts for a number of projects. This amount is less than a quarter of the EUR 3 billion promised to Ankara for humanitarian and non-humanitarian aid for Syrian refugees who are returned to Turkey from the Greek islands during the period 2016-2017.

If, as it appears, all these funds have been committed, what has happened to the remainder?

The situation inside and outside the camps is extreme and requires urgent action. Why have all the funds earmarked for assistance for Turkey not been allocated more swiftly?

What has been done with the EUR 100 million that the European Parliament approved in April 2016 to provide emergency assistance for refugees inside the EU?