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Subject: EU funds to Serbia to mitigate the migration crisis

It has recently come to our attention that the Commission has signed an agreement with the Serbian Ministry of Employment and Social Welfare, allocating EUR 7.3 million to the humanitarian crisis in Serbia, where thousands of migrants are living in extreme conditions which have been aggravated by the cold snap. According to official figures, an estimated EUR 50 million in EU aid has been allocated to Serbia.

A number of organisations and volunteers have reported that thousands of refugees, particularly those housed in the old Belgrade station, are living in extremely unsanitary conditions, where they are exposed to respiratory illnesses on account of the cold.

What is more, it has been reported that the UNHCR (UN Refugee Agency) has not deployed any agents to the field.

When will Serbia receive the funds earmarked for the management of the migrant crisis?

Who will manage the EU aid? How?

Given that thousands of refugees in dire need are living in extreme conditions in Serbia, will the Commission call on the UN to mobilise UNHCR resources and deploy agents to the field?