

**Question for written answer P-004980/2016
to the Commission**
Rule 130
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Subject: Legal basis for fining EU Member States that do not accept refugees on their territory

The Commission has decided to impose a financial penalty on EU Member States that do not receive refugees, amounting to EUR 250 000 for each refugee they refuse to take. What is the legal basis for establishing this penalty and when exactly was the decision taken to introduce it: at the same time as the refugee quotas were imposed, or after they were set?