

**Question for written answer P-001289/2017
to the Commission**

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Subject: DG NEAR funds for the education of refugee and host community children

At the 'London Conference' that took place on 4 February 2016, participants, including the EU, pledged to bring all Syrian and vulnerable host community children in Syria's neighbouring countries back to school by the end of the 2016/17 school year, and to make the necessary funds available.

Effective education aid requires transparency about its timing and the activities in receipt of funding. If contracts are concluded well in advance, all the appropriate planning can be done in time for the start of the school year. Aid should address those barriers to education that have been documented in Jordan, Lebanon, and Turkey by organisations such as Human Rights Watch.

How much funding has been contracted by the Madad Fund, and other DG NEAR instruments, for the education of Syrian and host community children in Jordan, Lebanon and Turkey in 2016? Please provide a breakdown by country, financing instrument, and contract that details contract dates, 2016 disbursements, implementers, and activities financed by each contract.

In contrast to DG ECHO, which keeps a database with details of all funded projects, why is it that, out of all DG NEAR contracts in Syria's neighbouring countries, the Facility for Refugees in Turkey is the only project available for consultation online?