

**Question for written answer E-001220/2013
to the Commission (Vice-President / High Representative)
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Subject: VP/HR - Tragic situation of Syrian and Palestinian refugees in Lebanon

The civil war ravaging Syria has forced hundreds of thousands of citizens to flee to neighbouring countries, where they are hosted under varying conditions.

The European Union has contributed financially to hosting these refugees in different countries. However, the situation is steadily deteriorating, particularly in Lebanon, a politically fragile country.

Among the Syrian residents who have fled the deadly conflict there are many Palestinians. Their dual refugee status makes their situation especially difficult.

What does the European Union intend to do to support the 300 000 Syrian refugees in Lebanon, including some 30 000 Palestinians, in addition to the other 300 000 Palestinians now penned in twelve separate camps for many years?