

**Question for written answer E-004687/2015  
to the Commission**

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Subject: Socio-economic situation in Kosovo and Kosovan migration to European Union countries

Kosovo has been a beneficiary of European Union development aid for many years. Since 1999, it has received 2 bn EUR of development aid from the European Union and a EULEX police and administration mission is operating within its borders with a budget of approx. 100 m EUR per annum. Despite such EU engagement, Kosovo is the poorest and second most corrupt country in Europe, after Albania (Transparency International, World Bank). Measurements conducted by various institutions show that there has not been any significant progress. The exodus of its residents, which has increased at the turn of 2014-2015 testifies to the catastrophic situation of Kosovo. According to media reports, approximately 100 000 residents have left Kosovo in the last half-year.

1. What is the Commission's position regarding the World Bank's inclusion of Kosovo on the list of fragile states? How would the Commission comment upon the remarks of experts that, despite EU engagement, the project for rebuilding Kosovan statehood has failed and the country is defined as a failed state, existing purely due to international aid?
2. What steps is the Commission taking to strengthen the efficacy of development funds awarded to Kosovo?
3. Does the Commission anticipate taking any measures to stop the illegal migration of Kosovans to European Union countries?