

Question for written answer E-000251/2018
to the Commission
Rule 130
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Subject: Refugees and extreme cold in winter

Last year we saw horrific scenes of refugees dying of cold in reception camps in Greece. As we have noted on several occasions, the plight of refugees becomes desperate in the harshest months of winter: they must brave freezing conditions in snow-covered tents without even being able to dry their clothes.

1. Does the Commission believe that the measures adopted last November to help European governments protect the lives of refugees are being complied with, particularly during the winter months?
2. Does the Commission plan to take any further measures to address adverse winter weather conditions and provide a location to house refugees in decent conditions so as to ensure their survival?
3. Does it believe that the Greek Government is complying adequately with guidelines for the reception and protection of refugees and will be able to prevent situations such as those we saw last winter?