

Question for written answer E-003485/2019
to the Commission
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Subject: Need for the EU to react to President Erdoğan's blackmail

The European Union has allocated some EUR 9 billion to Turkey through the pre-accession funds (IPA I and IPA II) in the period from 2007 to 2020, in addition to EUR 1.3 billion under the pre-accession instrument for the Turkey between 2002 and 2006. The European institutions themselves have for some time been signalling the difficulty in monitoring the effective use of these EU funds, as well as the numerous cases of proven fraud. The Court of Auditors also points out, in report No. 7 of 2018, that the progress that has been made is unsatisfactory due to a lack of political will on the part of the Turkish authorities. Faced with recent events and threats by President Erdoğan to flood Europe with 3.6 million refugees, will the Commission say:

- 1) Will it impose sanctions on Ankara?
- 2) Does it not think that the time has come to definitively stop EU funding for Turkey's accession to the EU, as well as the accession negotiations themselves?
- 3) Will it raise the question of Turkey's membership of NATO?