

**Question for written answer E-004043/2020
to the Commission**

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Subject: European Union humanitarian support actions in Turkey

On Wednesday, 24 June 2020 Budget Committee MEPs gave their green light to top up support to refugees and host communities in Turkey, Jordan and Lebanon in response to the Syrian crisis. EUR 485 million were earmarked to fund the continuation of two EU humanitarian support actions in Turkey (ESSN and CCTE). ¹

1. Had the monetary reserves of both actions been depleted prior to being topped up?
2. Was the European Union forced into topping up the amounts of this support by the events on the Greek/Turkish border in the spring of 2020 ² ?
3. How can the European Union justify cooperating with a Turkish government institution as part of the ESSN action ³ after Turkey's President Erdoğan declared the country's border with the European Union to be open in the spring of 2020, thereby deliberately triggering a surge of refugees, which could only be stemmed thanks to the intervention of the Hellenic Republic ⁴ ?

¹ <https://www.europarl.europa.eu/news/de/press-room/20200622IPR81718/meps-approve-EU585-million-to-support-refugees-from-syria>

² <https://www.tagesschau.de/ausland/fluechtlinge-tuerkei-141.html>

³ https://ec.europa.eu/echo/essn_en

⁴ <https://www.tagesschau.de/ausland/fluechtlinge-tuerkei-141.html>