

**Question for written answer E-003869/2021
to the Commission**
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Subject: Development aid to Afghanistan

Since 2002, the European Union has channelled over EUR 4 billion into development aid for Afghanistan and has earmarked a further EUR 1.2 billion to be used for this purpose over the period 2021-2027. Following the withdrawal of US troops, Taliban terrorists are now seeking to bring the country entirely under their control by means of brute force, with disastrous consequences for the non-Muslim minority and for women and girls. It is no secret that the Taliban is funded by the opium trade and that, once it has seized power, Afghanistan will, in all likelihood, once again become a training ground and launching pad for terrorist activity.

1. In view of this, does the Commission still intend to provide continued development aid to Afghanistan?
2. Given the current climate, what policy changes are now being envisaged by it with regard to Afghanistan?