

**Question for written answer E-004156/2021
to the Commission**

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Subject: EU Facility for Refugees in Turkey

At the European Council summit of 24-25 June 2021, the President of the Commission announced that the EU would mobilise a further EUR 3 billion for the 2021-2023 period for the EU Facility for Refugees in Turkey (FRIT). Meanwhile, a new humanitarian crisis is brewing in Afghanistan following the Taliban's power grab. According to the latest estimates, up to half a million Afghans are already living in Turkey. However, as it stands, the FRIT is only applicable to Syrian refugees. If past experience is anything to go by, Turkey is likely to exploit the political situation to secure more financial aid. What is more, political Islam is gaining ground in the country.

1. Without allocating more funds, will the Commission seek to extend the FRIT to Afghan refugees?
2. What does the Commission have to say about the potential threat of Islamic extremists or other militias coming to Turkey from Afghanistan?
3. Does the Commission believe that the growing influence of political Islam in Turkey will have an impact on the Turkish Government's future migration policy, especially as regards Afghan refugees?