

**Question for written answer E-004395/2021
to the Commission**
Rule 138
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Subject: Stepping up development aid for Afghanistan

On 24 August 2021, the Commission President announced her intention of increasing development aid for Afghanistan by EUR 200 million in 2021. This is in addition to the EUR 57 million already earmarked for this purpose, not to mention the contributions of the individual Member States. The President specified that these funds were intended to assist the Afghans in their own and in neighbouring countries, adding that continued aid (EUR 1 billion earmarked within the MFF) would depend on the behaviour of the Taliban.

In this connection, Mullah Nooruddin Turabi, co-founder of the Taliban, has recently announced that his movement intends to base its legislation strictly on the Koran, reintroducing executions and amputations¹, and has warned against any attempt at interference.

Tens of billions of development aid have flowed into Afghanistan over the past decades, making it the largest recipient worldwide. So far, however, no results have been forthcoming.

1. What specific yardstick will the Commission use in evaluating the behaviour of the Taliban?
2. How much funding has been channelled into Afghanistan in 2021?
3. Will the Commission block the announced EUR 200 million increase with immediate effect in the light of Nooruddin Turabi's utterances?

¹ <https://apnews.com/article/religion-afghanistan-kabul-taliban-22f5107f1dbd19c8605b5b5435a9de54>