

**Question for written answer E-005405/2021
to the Commission**

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Subject: Applications for asylum from Afghans

On 15 August, the Taliban took control of Afghanistan, triggering an exodus of people trying to flee the regime. However, the Taliban's taking of Kabul was not the only cause of the exodus. Many others had fled earlier because of the civil war in the country before the Taliban victory. The EU's response was to engage in talks with neighbouring countries to stem this flow of people. Greece, for its part, decided to build a 40-km fence on the border with Turkey in order to avoid having to receive these people. Now that three months have passed since the Taliban's takeover of Afghanistan, I would like to ask the Commission the following:

1. Have humanitarian corridors been established to allow Afghans to flee from the Taliban regime?
2. How many asylum applications from Afghans have been approved since 15 August 2021? And how many are pending?
3. How many asylum applications from Afghans waiting in Greece, having left Afghanistan before the takeover of Kabul, have been approved? How many people have been returned to Turkey?