

**Question for written answer E-001940/2022
to the Commission**

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Subject: Financial aid from the Commission for Member States hosting refugees

Since 24 February 2022, more than 3.5 million refugees from Ukraine have crossed the border into Poland. It is estimated that at least half of those people have remained in Poland. The Commission has provided just EUR 144.6 million from the Asylum, Migration and Integration Fund to Poland to help the refugees. This is only a small fraction of the funding required to ensure the refugees' basic social security needs are covered.

In 2020, the Commission reacted generously when 20 000 irregular migrants crossed the border into Spain. A project was launched to support the activities of the authorities on the south coast of Spain, and in the Canary Islands, Ceuta and Melilla. The total EU contribution to the project was EUR 49.6 million.

In the light of the above, and in view of the extraordinary situation brought about by the war in Ukraine:

1. Is the Commission planning to allocate enough additional financial resources to address the current situation with a view to supporting women, children and other refugees from Ukraine residing in Poland?
2. In 2020, Spain received financial assistance from the Commission to the tune of nearly EUR 2 500 per person. Poland has received around EUR 100 per person, i.e. 25 times less. What is the reason for this difference in the amount of financial assistance?