Question for written answer E-004065/2022 to the Commission Rule 138 Gianantonio Da Re (ID)

Subject: Requested suspension of EU funding to Türkiye for the management of migration flows

On 12 December, the European Commission approved a funding package of EUR 220 000 000 for Türkiye, bringing total funding for 2022 to EUR 1 235 000 000.

According to Olivér Várhelyi, Commissioner for Neighbourhood and Enlargement, the purpose of this is to encourage efforts to halt irregular migration flows, with an increase in the number of resettlements and a resumption of repatriation from the Greek islands.

So far, the EU has already channelled EUR 9.5 billion into Türkiye for the management of migration flows. However, according to recent Frontex data, over 280 000 irregular border crossings to Europe were recorded in Europe in the first ten months of 2022, 77% up on 2021.

In view of the failure of the 2016 EU-Türkiye agreement on the management of migration flows, does the Commission not consider it necessary to immediately suspend any further funding for Türkiye?

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