

**Question for oral answer O-000002/2021
to the Commission**

Rule 136

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Subject: EU financial support for Afghanistan in view of the Doha talks and migration control

Since 1994, more than EUR 975 million in EU humanitarian aid has apparently been paid to Afghanistan.

The Commission has stated that since 2002, the EU has provided more than EUR 4 billion in development aid to Afghanistan, making it the top beneficiary of EU development aid.

There are reportedly plans to provide EUR 1.2 billion over four years.

According to EU Aid Explorer, more than EUR 15 billion in aid has been provided by Member States (including the UK) and the EU institutions since 2007.

1. On 12 September 2020, inter-Afghan talks, with the participation of the Taliban, began in Doha. What view will the Commission take in the event of the Taliban being involved in the Afghan Government?
2. In October, the European Asylum Support Office noted an increase in applications from Afghans, and pointed out that Afghans accounted for '48% of unaccompanied minors'. How is the Commission intending to step up immigration control, as well as the swift extradition of 'Afghans' to Afghanistan and Iran (including Hazaras who claim to be Afghans but actually come from Iran), and to use the conditionality instrument for EU aid to guarantee that all extradited illegal immigrants are admitted to the country in which they lived before heading for Europe?

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