

**Question for written answer P-011916/2013
to the Commission**
Rule 117
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Subject: EUR 30 million in refugee aid for Italy

During his visit to the Mediterranean island of Lampedusa last week, the President of the Commission, Manuel Barroso, announced that Italy would receive EUR 30 million to help manage the refugee crisis. Of course, we must help the refugees, but this raises some questions.

1. Will this funding be granted in the form of commitments or payments?
2. Can the Commission give details about where in the budget this funding will come from or exactly what funds will be reallocated for this purpose?
3. Will the Commission specifically earmark these resources and will it check that they have been used for that specific purpose?

Does the Commission have any precise information on whether Italy has refugee reception and care facilities that can be expanded with this funding, or whether the resources will be used to establish such facilities?