

**Question for written answer P-014867/2015**  
**to the Commission**  
Rule 130  
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Subject: Details of the meeting between the Commission and Balkan leaders on migration flows, held in Brussels on 25 October 2015

On 25 October 2015, Greece undertook to open reception centres to accommodate 30 000 refugees, with the UN making provision for a further 20 000. The President of the Commission announced that the reception capacity of Greece and the Western Balkans would be increased by a total of 100 000 places. At the same time, the emergency assistance scheme for Greece, under which refugees are to be transferred to other Member States (apart from Italy), including Balkan countries, is now on foot.

What mechanism will be used to determine which Western Balkan country will receive which refugees out of the additional 50 000? Does the 50 000-place capacity in the Western Balkans to which Jean-Claude Juncker referred only include the Member States in that region or also countries such as FYROM and the Republic of Serbia?

The Commission has also announced that only 15 of the 28 Member States are prepared to take in refugees under the quota allocation system. All this raises several concerns, such as how to ensure the requisite financial means are available to accommodate and provide for refugees from the so-called 'countries of first entry'.

Has the Commission or the EU Council suggested to Balkan leaders that loans be taken out from international financial institutions, including the IMF?