

**Question for written answer P-006750/2017  
to the Commission**  
Rule 130  
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Subject: Effectiveness of EU funding in improving the situation for refugees on the Greek islands

Despite more than EUR 800 million of European funding – of which at least EUR 401 million has been contracted already<sup>1</sup> – having been allocated as financial support to help Greece manage the reception of refugees, it is astonishing to see that the situation in the hotspots on the Greek islands does not seem to be improving at all. With new arrivals and the upcoming winter ahead, this situation is deeply worrying.

Are there proper oversight mechanisms currently in place for the Commission to be able to check if these European funds are being spent adequately?

Is it true that the Greek ministries of migration and development failed to establish an effective managing authority for these funds?

What urgent steps will the Commission take next in order to ensure that funding is spent where it should be, that the hotspots are winter-proof, and that vulnerable refugees receive the reception conditions to which they are entitled under European law?

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<sup>1</sup> [https://ec.europa.eu/home-affairs/sites/homeaffairs/files/what-we-do/policies/european-agenda-migration/20170726\\_factsheet\\_managing\\_refugee\\_crisis\\_eu\\_financial\\_support\\_greece\\_en.pdf](https://ec.europa.eu/home-affairs/sites/homeaffairs/files/what-we-do/policies/european-agenda-migration/20170726_factsheet_managing_refugee_crisis_eu_financial_support_greece_en.pdf)