

**Question for written answer P-006898/2017**  
**to the Commission**  
Rule 130  
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Subject: Effectiveness of EU funding with a view to improving the situation of refugees on the Greek islands with the approach of winter

As more than EUR 800 million from European funds has been allocated to provide financial support for Greece in managing the reception of refugees, of which at least EUR 401 million has been contracted<sup>1</sup>, it is astonishing to see that the situation in the hotspots on the Greek islands does not seem to have improved at all. With new arrivals and the approach of winter, this situation is deeply worrying.

1. Are there proper oversight mechanisms currently in place to enable the Commission to check whether these European funds are being spent adequately?
2. Is it correct that the Greek Ministries of Migration and Development have failed to establish an effective managing authority in relation to these European funds?
3. What urgent next steps will the Commission take 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 that they are entitled to on the basis of 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)