

**Priority question for written answer P-000402/2020  
to the Commission**

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Subject: NGO action on refugees

A significant proportion of the EU funding available for managing the refugee crisis is allocated directly to NGOs operating in this field. Yet while the contribution of NGOs and civil society organisations is important in terms of the assistance they provide, a considerable number of NGOs are actually breaking the law, according to official figures. In Greece in particular, following an investigation by the Ministry of Citizen Protection, there are some 450 dubious organisations that have become involved in refugee management and are not certified in the official register of national NGOs.

Given that there are often reports of unsupervised and unaccredited NGOs embezzling EU funds, and in certain cases actually preventing any real assistance from reaching asylum seekers, can the Commission say:

1. What criteria are used for selecting NGOs to receive funding for management of the refugee crisis and how are these NGOs accredited?
2. Which NGOs have been receiving funding in Greece?
3. Have there been any audits of NGO fund management in terms of amounts received and actions implemented?