

**Priority question for written answer P-000464/2023
to the Commission**

Rule 138

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Subject: Potential refugee flows resulting from the earthquake in the border area between Türkiye and Syria

The earthquake in the border area between Türkiye and Syria on 6 February 2023 caused huge numbers of casualties. As of 10 February 2023, more than 20 000 people have been killed, more than 75 000 injured and more than 100 000 made homeless. The earthquake took place in a region which was the source of refugee flows to the Union already before the natural disaster. The earthquake could intensify these flows. This at a time when many municipalities in the Union are being pushed to the limits of their capacity by the refugees from Ukraine, despite their willingness to accept them.

1. Does the Commission have any data that would make it possible to estimate the number of potential refugees?
2. Is the Commission making any preparations to accommodate possible refugee flows in the Union?
3. In the light of yesterday's Council decisions on the migration and asylum system, is the Commission planning to send construction assistance to the disaster region or to implement other measures to provide refugees with adequate accommodation and care there?

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