

**Question for written answer E-002994/2025
to the Commission**
Rule 144
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Subject: EU support for the Islamist regime in Syria

Since the start of the crisis in Syria in 2011, the EU and its Member States have pledged upwards of EUR 37 billion in support for Syria and the region. That makes the EU and its Member States the largest donors of international aid to address the situation in Syria. At the recent donors' conference in March 2025, the Commission pledged EUR 2.5 billion in support for the transition in Syria. In response to the conference, the Commission stated: 'The European Union will continue to stand by the Syrian people, not only in responding to urgent humanitarian needs but in helping to build a just, inclusive, and stable future. Together, we are not just offering aid – we are investing in hope, resilience, and a path toward lasting peace.' That the Commission is naive is borne out by the regime's violent assaults on Alawites and, recently, on Druze, but also by the abolition of women's rights.

1. What conditions has the Commission attached to the allocation of funds?
2. Why has the Commission not yet suspended the allocation of grants?
3. How many Syrian refugees have returned to their homeland from the EU since the takeover in Syria?

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