

**Question for written answer E-007972/2014  
to the Commission**  
Rule 130  
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Subject: Post-flood assistance for Italy

On 9 October 214 Genoa found itself reliving the traumatic events of 2011 as a raging flood swept through the city, resulting in the death of one man and causing extremely extensive damage. In the following days, large areas of the lower Piedmont region were also hit by devastating flooding.

In this instance, there was clearly a very serious failure to take appropriate preventive action and build flood barriers, as well as an inadequate response to the emergency.

With reference to Decision No 1313/2013/EU of the European Parliament and of the Council of 17 December 2013 establishing a new Union Civil Protection Mechanism for the period 2014-2020 with a view to enhancing the effectiveness of systems for preventing, preparing for and responding to natural disasters and to fostering an integrated approach, based on closer cooperation between the EU and Member States, to dealing with such events, can the Commission say whether:

1. it would not agree that the decision should be implemented as a matter of the utmost priority?
2. financial assistance can be provided to local people having to cope with the aftermath of this disaster? If so, what sources of funding may be drawn on?