

**Question for written answer E-008334/2014
to the Commission**

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Subject: Bad weather in France

Since the beginning of autumn, several storms have hit the south coast of France, causing four deaths and leading to 4 000 people 'shipwrecked' who are being cared for by the State.

The torrents of water that fell have caused significant damage, with more than 6 500 homes without electricity, 200 hectares of land flooded and thousands of dead livestock. Small farming operations will be the worst affected, and they may need to file for bankruptcy as they may not have the means to recover from these floods.

The bad weather has not spared the vine growers, with agricultural losses thought to be affecting hundreds of hectares.

1. Is the Commission going to provide urgent aid to the financial sectors affected by the bad weather, including the agricultural sector?
2. What support measures is the European Union planning to put in place to help the farmers affected by these periods of bad weather, which have become frequent within the European Union?