

**Question for written answer E-002765/2015  
to the Commission**  
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Subject: Flood forecasts

If weather forecasters are to be believed, we can expect above-average rainfall in the spring of 2015. The area that could be affected by flooding extends from central and southern parts of Italy via the Balkan Peninsula to Slovakia and Hungary in the north and Greece and western Turkey in the south. In late spring the increased risk of flooding will also be partly due to the melting of large amounts of snow in the Carpathians and the Dinarids.

In 2014 parts of Croatia were badly affected by natural disasters, especially floods that caused enormous material damage. Many of the people who lost their homes have not yet been adequately housed. A repeat of the 2014 situation would, in the case of Croatia, be of catastrophic proportions.

Does the Commission have information on what progress has been made in terms of flood protection in high-risk areas in relation to last year? What resources from EU funds were used in the last year to prevent floods in Croatia?