

Question for written answer E-004120/2015
to the Commission
Rule 130
Notis Marias (ECR)

Subject: Compensation for producers in the Prefecture of Serres for damage caused by extreme weather conditions

The extreme weather conditions and heavy rainfall that swept through the Prefecture of Serres recently caused extensively damage. More than 40 000 decares of farmland were flooded and irrigation and drainage networks and rural roads and bridges were damaged. Pumping stations were submerged under deep water and subsidence and cracks have been identified in the embankments of the River Strymon.

To put the extent of the rainfall into perspective, the waters in Lake Kerkini are very high, meaning that the possibility of opening the dam to allow the water that has accumulated in the lake to disperse is still being considered.

In view of the above, will the Commission say:

What measures does it intend to approve for the residents of the Prefecture of Serres in order to compensate producers for the damage to their crops and repair the damage sustained by public infrastructure as a result of the extremely heavy rainfall and to what timetable?