

**Question for written answer E-005318/2015
to the Commission**

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Subject: Effectiveness of European aid in preventing forest fires and repairing damage caused by them

In a recent report, the Court of Auditors of the European Union has questioned the effectiveness of the EU's aid measures to prevent forest fires and reinstate areas affected by them.

It states that the cost-effectiveness of the projects carried out with European funding is not wholly satisfactory. Although 80% of the budget is spent on prevention, the initiatives seem to bear little relation to the intended purpose. In general, the report adds that there has been insufficient monitoring of fulfilment of the objectives.

In the light of these findings, what measures is the Commission going to adopt to improve the use of the funds allocated to preventing forest fires and repairing the damage they cause?

How much money is it going to allocate to this purpose in the period 2014-2019?

What will the priorities be?