

**Question for written answer E-008179/2015  
to the Commission**  
Rule 130  
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Subject: EU civil protection policy

According to a Eurobarometer survey published by the Commission on 7 May 2015, the EU's civil protection activities enjoy massive support from the European public.

This survey shows that 88% of Europeans support European civil protection policy because of the cross-border nature of many disasters. There are also 87% who think the EU should come to the aid of any country in the world affected by a disaster.

However, it is at the level of awareness of the activities of the EU Civil Protection Mechanism and of disaster risks that we start to fall down. Only 55% of Europeans state that they are aware of the risks in their region and just 29% consider themselves sufficiently informed of the risks in other EU Member States.

1. Buoyed by this support, does the Commission plan to propose stepping up European civil defence cooperation?
2. How is the Commission considering raising public awareness of the activities of the Civil Protection Mechanism and of disaster risks within the EU?