

**Question for written answer E-008488/2015
to the Commission**
Rule 130
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Subject: Civil protection policy of the European Union

According to a Eurobarometer opinion poll published by the European Commission on 7 May 2015, Europeans strongly support the EU's civil protection activities.

Thus 88% of Europeans support the European civil protection policy, because many disasters are, by nature, cross-border. Also, 87% think that the EU must aid any country in the world affected by disaster.

However, the percentages are lower when it comes to knowing how the EU civil protection system works and what the risks of disaster are. Only 55% of Europeans say they know the risks in their regions, and just 29% feel sufficiently informed about the risks in other EU Member States.

1. Given the level of support, does the Commission plan to propose a strengthening of European cooperation on civil protection?
2. How does the Commission think it could inform citizens better about how the civil protection system works, and disaster risks, in the EU?