

**Question for written answer E-013125/2015
to the Commission**
Rule 130
Notis Marias (ECR)

Subject: Compensation for residents of the island of Skopelos for losses sustained as a result of extreme weather conditions

The Thessaly regional authorities have recently declared a state of emergency on the island of Skopelos, which has been afflicted by severe weather conditions causing damage on an unprecedented scale.

Dozens of parked vehicles were swept away and destroyed by floodwater, resulting in apocalyptic scenes of destruction.

The extent of the damage can be judged by the fact that torrents of water swept vehicles into the sea or into gaping craters in the roadway. A number of roads were totally destroyed, while the harbour also sustained severe damage. Dozens of homes and shops were flooded and had to be pumped out by the fire services.

In view of this:

What measures can be approved by the Commission to assist the residents of Skopelos afflicted by these severe weather conditions and offset the damage sustained as a result? When can this be done?