

**Question for written answer E-014150/2015
to the Commission**

Rule 130

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Subject: Torrential rainfall in the Canary Islands

On 23 and 24 October, the Canary Islands suffered the heaviest rainfall in recent years. The most affected island was Gran Canaria, where 32 litres per square metre were recorded. This resulted in widespread damage to road infrastructure, subsidence and landslides, with walls collapsing, homes being flooded and vehicles being washed away almost to the sea. The total cost of the extensive damage caused has been estimated at over EUR 800 000.

The Canary Island authorities have requested the Spanish Government to declare the affected area of Gran Canaria a 'disaster area', enabling them to use national funds earmarked for natural disasters to deal with all the damage caused by the heavy rainfall.

Is the Commission aware of the extent of the damage caused by this disaster?

Does it consider that, under these circumstances, the Canary Islands may be eligible for EU Solidarity Fund (EUSF) assistance?