

**Question for written answer E-004695/2016
to the Commission**
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Subject: Floods in May and June 2016 and need for support funding

At the end of May and beginning of June 2016, following days of torrential rain in Central Europe, flooding affected dozens of locations in Austria, Belgium, France, Germany, Romania and the Republic of Moldova. Romania has a tragic past when it comes to floods. In June 2016 alone, in Romania, two men died, hundreds of people were cut off and hundreds more evacuated as a result of weather events. In just one day, emergency interventions had to be made in 155 locations. In April, hundreds of locations in the west of the country were under water, the floodwaters having swallowed up houses and farm buildings, agricultural machinery and animals. In just five minutes, a 60-metre wide tornado swept away 12 houses, a pharmacy, a school and dozens of outbuildings.

This is a worrying situation and there is a need for the Commission to intervene, out of solidarity, by allocating support funding.

Has the Commission assessed the aid requirements for Romania and for the other Member States affected by floods, with a view to their accessing the EU Solidarity Fund?