

**Question for written answer E-004987/2016**  
**to the Commission**  
Rule 130  
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Subject: Fires in Cyprus and the Solidarity Fund

On 26 and 27 June 2016, Cyprus suffered its worst ever environmental disaster in the form of unprecedentedly large widespread fires, which have caused incalculable damage to all sectors. How will the Commission help the Republic of Cyprus, which, as a result of the economic crisis, is unable to overcome this disaster by itself and repair the damage done? It is not just forests that have been destroyed, but also agricultural land in villages, i.e. inhabited regions that survive on farming and tourism, and on natural abundance which has now been razed to the ground.

Once the full results of the damage – which even and unusually hit traditional buildings – are in, given the economic crisis being experienced by Cyprus and in view of the fact that villages and a large part of the Cypriot countryside could be destroyed, will the Commission activate the Solidarity Fund in accordance with European solidarity?