

**Question for written answer E-006766/2016
to the Commission**

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Subject: Use of EU funding in Ponte Caldelas

The Galician regional government has launched an emergency plan to cover the flood damage suffered in winter 2015 by a number of towns and cities in Pontevedra. However, Ponte Caldelas City Council did not receive any of the EUR 2.8 million in funding, despite having requested aid prior to the damage incurred when the river Verdugo burst its banks. Eight other City Councils received funding, one of which without having to request it, a decision which constitutes flagrant discrimination. According to Ponte Caldelas City Council, the Emergency Plan was billed as a plan to supplement the Framework Plan for the Improvement of Municipal Roads, 75% of which is funded under the EAFRD (European Agricultural Fund for Rural Development).

Will the emergency plan receive EU funding? If so, can the Commission say whether it is aware of the formula and criteria used to distribute aid, whether it will take an interest in them, and what view it takes of them? What measures will the Commission take with regard to the plan mentioned above to ensure that EU funds are distributed in a fair and non-discriminatory manner?