

**Question for written answer E-007330/2016
to the Commission**
Rule 130
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Subject: Emergency EU support measures for Greece for recent natural disasters

In the period between 7 September and 19 September 2016, at least four Greek regions suffered major disasters. Heavy rainfall hit the municipality of Thermaikos in Thessaloniki and the city of Kalamata. A fire swept through much of Thassos. Moreover, Pyrgos, in Ilia, along with the city of Patras, were affected by a tornado of unprecedented intensity.

If the fires that burned much of the island of Chios in August are added to the above disasters, the damage caused by natural disasters in less than two months is very substantial and it might not be possible for national and local authorities to cover the – still undetermined – financial cost involved.

However, it is also difficult to use the EU Solidarity Fund (EUSF) allocations to deal with natural disasters, precisely because the geographical dispersion of these natural disasters is on a wider scale than the relevant NUTS 2 scale recognised by the EUSF.

The Commission is therefore asked to answer the following:

- What other emergency support measures for Greece can be taken at EU level to repair the above damage?