

**Question for written answer E-003959/2017
to the Commission**
Rule 130
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Subject: Landslide at the Amyntaio coal mine

The landslide at the Amyntaio coal mine has not only destroyed valuable mining equipment but also placed the lives of workers and residents at risk, making their homes too dangerous to inhabit and leaving them homeless. Despite their promises, the current SYRIZA ANEL government and its predecessors have failed to relocate families at risk.

Safety at work and the relocation of residents are considered too costly for the Greek Public Power Corporation, which operates according to free market principles and is seeking further privatisation in line with EU policy regarding energy market deregulation and business competitiveness. At the same time conditions at the workplace are growing worse, while working-class households are having to pay higher bills at the same time as energy costs for manufacturers are being cut.

In view of this:

When and how will the Commission activate the Solidarity Fund for the relocation of residents forced to abandon their homes, providing them immediately with decent temporary accommodation, to be followed by permanent relocation in permanent modern housing without passing on the costs to those affected and to consumers in general?

What measures will it take to assist low-income farmers and self-employed individuals affected by the disaster?

What measures will it take to ensure that the mine can be made operational once more with no job losses, respecting the rights of the workers in full, as well as safety and health requirements?