

**Question for written answer E-006792/2017
to the Commission**
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Subject: Disastrous flooding in Samothrace

The heavy rain that affected Samothrace in late September 2017 had a disastrous impact. Once again, locals had to face flooded houses, stores, and streets, and the ramifications for their lives, safety and property, due to the lack of necessary flood protection works. Overflowing streams and flooded streets caused serious damage to the road network, destroyed a bridge and cut off villages. The health centre in particular suffered serious damage, and the town hall. The water supply network in Chora was also affected. Farmers also suffered a huge blow because of the livestock losses.

In view of the huge disaster on the island:

Will the Commission lift the prohibitive limits of the EU Solidarity Fund (including the fact that damage must exceed 1.5% of regional GDP and private losses are not compensated) to facilitate full compensation of households, medium/small farmers and small businesses for the repair of damage caused to houses, farming facilities, small businesses and livestock?

Will the ERDF finance emergency flood protection measures?