

**Question for written answer E-002494/2018  
to the Commission**

Rule 130

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Subject: Vesuvius, the Campi Flegrei and national evacuation plans in case of volcanic eruption

In Italy, Mount Vesuvius and the Campi Flegrei volcanic fields are being monitored with particular care due to the increased frequency of low magnitude earth tremors and bradyseismic phenomena. According to the evacuation plans in place, once the alert level has been reached, hundreds of thousands of people living in the areas identified as being the most dangerous are to be transferred to other Italian regions.

Any evacuation will call for a major effort on the part of civil protection bodies in terms of the displacement and imminent needs of numerous evacuees.

Given that Decision No 1313/2013/EU on a Union Civil Protection Mechanism provides for a collective capacity of the EU to respond to disasters and address capacity gaps in the Member States, can the Commission say:

- whether the Italian authorities have already informed the Union Mechanism about the evacuation plan in case of eruption and whether provision has been made for any Union Mechanism intervention;
- if not, whether it will be possible to trigger the Union Mechanism even without a request from the Italian Government, given the exceptional circumstances of an eruption which can already be expected to be totally disastrous?