

Question for written answer E-004850/2018
to the Commission
Rule 130
Notis Marias (ECR)

Subject: Repairing the damage caused to the University of Crete by fire and granting financial assistance to affected students

On 23 September, there was a huge fire at the facilities of the University of Crete in Heraklion, which caused extensive damage to a large part of the University's facilities. The fire completely destroyed a building at the University that housed the technical and administrative services of the neighbouring Venizeleio Hospital, while it also spread to the north building of the halls of residence, also destroying prefabricated logistics facilities and leaving students without water, electricity and Internet access.

According to the first estimates, the fire destroyed six 500 square metres buildings, as well as the first floors.

Given that the academic year of the University of Crete has already started, it is clear that measures must be adopted to immediately restore the University's operations, to provide direct aid to the affected students, especially with regard to their accommodation, and to repair the damage to the University's buildings and to the halls of residence.

In view of the above, can the Commission say:

What measures does it intend to take and according to what schedule, so that, in cooperation with the Greek authorities:

- it may assist in the immediate repair of the aforementioned damage to the University's buildings and to the halls of residence,
- it may provide direct aid to the students affected, including covering the expenses for providing them with alternative accommodation?