

**Question for written answer P-006813/2017**  
**to the Commission**  
Rule 130  
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Subject: Arson in Piedmont and Lombardy

Because of the extraordinary weather conditions this year, at the end of October numerous hectares of woodland were destroyed in the regions of Piedmont and Lombardy. In Piedmont alone 135 fires were recorded, while Lombardy lost over 50 hectares of woodland. During September's part-session, Corina Crețu, Commissioner for Regional Policy, spoke of possible access to the Solidarity Fund and to the instruments provided by cohesion policy, of the Emergency Response Coordination Centre and of the prevention to be implemented with the European Agricultural Fund for Rural Development (EAFRD).

In addition to the above, can the Commission say:

1. whether these instruments are still available for Italian regions affected well beyond the end of summer;
2. who is entitled to request assistance from the above-mentioned funds;
3. how much the Italian authorities have already requested for 2017?