

WRITTEN QUESTION E-1293/07
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to the Commission

Subject: Funding for water supply infrastructures

In view of the fact that:

- Greece, which, in geographical terms, is situated to the south-east of the European Union, has in recent years suffered the adverse consequences of the greenhouse effect, its already low rainfall having been further diminished, accompanied by increasingly marked desertification, particularly on the plains (for example Thessaly);
 - The water table in Greece is steadily falling, necessitating the sinking of extremely deep wells (300-350m) in order to draw water for consumption and for irrigation purposes and in certain areas seawater seepage is causing irreversible groundwater salification;
 - The richly varying landscape of Greece is characterised by large mountain ranges and relatively limited plains;
1. Can the Commission indicate how the structural funds will be used to support measures in response to climate change over the period 2007-2013 and local adjustments necessitated by it? What specific form will they take?
 2. Is there any possibility of funding surveys for, and for the construction of, small reservoir dams in catchment areas and related measures?