WRITTEN QUESTION E-5270/07 by Yiannakis Matsis (PPE-DE) to the Commission

Subject: Fires and research

The fires last summer in Greece, Bulgaria, Cyprus and other countries highlighted the need for preventive measures. Is the European Union using any appropriations in the field of research to develop new methods and new ways of preventing and combating fires? Can the Commission provide a corresponding list of detailed data? Will the European Union introduce new fire-prevention mechanisms on the basis of research programmes?