

**Question for written answer E-013482/2013
to the Commission**
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Subject: Mobilisation of the Solidarity Fund for the floods in Sardinia

The Italian region of Sardinia was recently hit by an extremely severe natural disaster when a cyclone caused violent flash floods across the region. Sixteen people died, one person is missing and thousands more are displaced, while extensive damage has been caused to infrastructure and the population.

This exceptional weather event has had a serious, and most probably lasting, impact on local living conditions and the economic stability of the region.

Serious damage has been caused to infrastructure in the areas affected; in particular the transport system has been significantly affected by the extensive damage caused to roads, bridges and railway lines, many of which have had to be closed because of landslides.

The flooding has caused havoc in built-up areas, and a particularly large number of homes are now uninhabitable.

The flooding has also caused extensive damage to farms, as well as factories, handicraft businesses and commercial enterprises, with very serious consequences for the Sardinian production system.

A number of sites of major cultural and scenic importance, including the archaeological remains of Roman ships at Olbia, have also been affected by the natural disaster.

Can the Commission say whether the Italian authorities have submitted a request for the EU Solidarity Fund to be mobilised under Regulation (EC) No 2012/2002, and what steps has the Commission taken to provide financial support to the people of Sardinia?