

**Question for written answer E-005105/2014
to the Commission**
Rule 117
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Subject: Financial aid granted to residents of Kefalonia

Almost four months have passed since an earthquake measuring 5.9 on the Richter scale shook Kefalonia and the island's residents are still suffering its devastating consequences. At least five hundred people are homeless, the damage sustained by dozens of houses has yet to be repaired and there are still major problems with the road networks and ports, especially on the south of the island. The archaeological museum of Kefalonia is still experiencing serious issues and the tourism season is set to begin in a few days. The Greek government has basically left the island's residents to fend for themselves. However, it has filed an application for financial aid for victims with the EU Solidarity Fund which has yet to be addressed.

In view of the above, will the Commission say:

When can the application for financial aid for the island expect to be addressed?

What other measures to support the residents of Kefalonia have been taken, given that the area has been declared an earthquake disaster zone?