

**Question for written answer E-001877/2018  
to the Commission**  
Rule 130  
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Subject: Creation of the rescEU instrument

In recent years, extreme conditions and other climatic phenomena have led to a significant reduction in Member States' capability to provide mutual assistance. It is particularly true when the same type of natural disaster has occurred simultaneously in several Member States. In such cases, where adequate resources are limited or unavailable, the EU does not have any reserves to support Member States in need. In response to said situation, the European Commission presented a proposal to increase Europe's capacity to respond to natural disasters.

Therefore, can the Commission say:

1. What the specific objectives, plans and assumptions of the new rescEU instrument are?
2. What other actions could be taken to improve disaster prevention and increase preparedness when disasters do occur?