Question for written answer E-003221/2019 to the Commission Rule 138 Idoia Villanueva Ruiz (GUE/NGL)

Subject: Flooding in Navarra and the Solidarity Fund for natural disasters

On 8 July, following torrential rain in Navarra, the River Cidacos burst its banks, resulting in heavy flooding and leaving one young man dead. Widespread material damage was reported, from infrastructure to farmland and cattle-grazing grounds, as well as to private homes and other property. It is estimated that some 2000 claims for damages, worth approximately EUR 15 million, have been made as a result of flooding in Navarra's Middle Zone.

Bearing in mind that the EU Solidarity Fund was set up to help in the event of major natural disasters and bring European solidarity to disaster-stricken regions of Europe, and that the Government of Navarra, together with the municipalities of Barásoain, Beire, Ezprogui, Garínoain, Leoz, Lerga, Olite, Orísoain, Murillo el Cuende, Pitillas, Pueyo, Sada, San Martín de Unx y Tafalla, has called for the areas affected to be declared disaster areas:

Given the current losses, what resources or other types of aid will the EU make available to help with the cleaning and rebuilding of the regions affected?

What would be the timeframe for this?