

**Question for written answer E-003367/2019  
to the Commission**  
Rule 138  
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Subject: September 2019 was the hottest on record

September this year was just as hot as September 2015, regarded as the hottest September for the last 140 years, according to the US National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA).

The average global land and sea temperature in September 2019 was 0.95 degrees Celsius above the average for the 20th century. It was the 43rd consecutive September and 417th consecutive month with temperatures well above the average for the previous century.

In parallel, the first nine months of 2019 were the second hottest in history (the first were in 2016). Consequently, the NOAA estimates that 2019 will almost certainly be the second hottest year after 2016.

In view of this:

1. What does the Commission intend to do and what action will it take to combat and prevent climate change?
2. What measures does the Commission intend to take to improve the situation of vulnerable groups of the population during periods of extremely high temperatures?