

**Question for written answer E-004597/2019  
to the Commission**

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**Subject:** Emergency Response Coordination Centre (ERCC) and European Centre for Disease Prevention and Control (ECDC)

In recent years nearly all parts of the EU have been hit by a range of natural disasters which have resulted in hundreds of casualties and caused damage to infrastructure running into billions of euros. Flash floods, storms, forest fires, earthquakes and man-made disasters have tested the capabilities of Member States' crisis response systems to the limit. In addition, there are increasing concerns over safety, since climate change is expected to lead to even more frequent and more serious disasters in the future.

1. Is the Commission working on specific plans and putting forward proposals to further strengthen the EU's capability to respond to the increasing risk of natural disasters?
2. How does the Commission plan to respond to such threats as sudden outbreaks of disease or epidemiological incidents?
3. Are there specific plans for cooperation with the ERCC (Emergency Response Coordination Centre) and the ECDC (European Centre for Disease Prevention and Control) should such combinations of incidents occur?