

**Question for written answer E-004539/2020
to the Commission**

Rule 138

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Subject: Support for victims of deadly flooding in Evia

Greece has been hit by severe weather over the last few days, leading to disastrous flooding in the Evia region as a whole, claiming eight lives and destroying numerous public infrastructures, homes, etc. ¹ and immediately prompting an investigation by the public prosecution services ². All this comes on top of the widespread COVID-19 fallout not only in Evia but in the whole of Greece.

In view of this:

1. Can the Commission say whether immediate material assistance can be provided directly to those affected (residents, workers, professions, etc.) and, if so, from which funds and under what terms and conditions?
2. Is it possible to channel European recovery or flood defence funding into measures to prevent any future recurrence of such events?
3. What contribution can be made by European bodies and/or funds to the introduction of an early warning system to alert the public in time to such major risks in a bid to contain their impact and prevent possible loss of life? ¹

¹ 1. https://www.news247.gr/koinonia/eyvoia-nekroi-agnoymenos-zimies-i-epomeni-mera-tis-aneipotis-tragodias.7694079.html?fbclid=IwAR1YMZqnXKbCNIIA_Gm2pFFLs2IKHSQiRIm5B0SeXVKn493c2bQw1rG1j4 & https://www.cnn.gr/ellada/video/230280/plimmyres-eyvoia-thaftikan-stin-laspi-oloklires-perioxes-sygklonistika-plana?fbclid=IwAR2-EEtbwzq3xRxc_3-LXubbR3cWh_Py45bHtkI7YP1F1lf1f-L8ltIN0fM 2. https://www.ethnos.gr/ellada/119174_eyboia-parembasi-eisaggelea-gia-tis-plimmyres-dipli-ereyna-gia-kakoyrgima