

**Question for written answer E-006351/2020  
to the Commission**  
Rule 138  
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Subject: Disasters in Crete

On 6 November 2020, Crete was hit by severe weather, resulting in widespread devastation. All regional units were affected, with damage to infrastructure, crops and houses, many of which were declared unfit for habitation, rendering the day-to-day lives of residents particularly difficult.

Recently, Crete has been battered by bad weather on two occasions. From 20 to 22 October 2020, there was a heavy hailstorm in Malia, affecting 120 businesses in Hersonissos.

Then, from 6 to 10 November 2020, heavy rain caused flash flooding in both Hersonissos and Minoa Pediada and in other regional units (Chania, Rethymno, Lasithi), as had happened previously.

Estimates put the damage to infrastructure in excess of EUR 150 000 000, not including damage to private property.

In view of the above:

1. Has the Greek Government submitted a request to activate the European Solidarity Fund?
2. What other opportunities for financial assistance exist at EU level and which of them have been used by the Greek Government?
3. What options are there for providing compensation to residents whose properties have been destroyed?