

**Question for written answer E-006745/2020
to the Commission**

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Subject: Damage due to exceptional weather events in Emilia Romagna

The sub-Appennine part of Emilia Romagna has recently been stricken by floods in the provinces of Parma, Piacenza, Reggio, Modena and Bologna. There has been major flood damage, with the Rivers Panaro and Reno, and several artificial channels, breaking their banks. Thousands of people and entire municipalities have been evacuated, either because they are under water or in serious danger, and thousands of hectares of valuable crops have been destroyed, exacerbating an already severe economic crisis due to the damage caused by measures to combat COVID-19. At the same time, mountain areas are under severe strain in terms of hydrogeological balance, frequently suffering from landslides and mudslides.

In view of this, can the Commission say whether:

1. it intends to make provision for a fast-track procedure to support Italy, including the possible activation of the EUSF;
2. it will put in place tools, for immediate use, to combat the dangers stemming from hydrogeological instability and the failure to conduct maintenance work along watercourses over the last thirty years, also with a view to meeting the 'Adaptation to climate change' objective, which is part of the Green Deal?