

Question for written answer E-000218/2021
to the Commission
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Subject: Outermost regions — natural disasters

Outermost regions are particularly exposed to extreme acts of nature, often with devastating consequences for the people living there. In order for a Member State to be eligible under the EU's Solidarity Fund, it must have suffered a minimum amount of damage. Article 349 of the Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union sets this threshold at 1% of the regional GDP in the case of outermost regions.

Given that outermost regions are regularly subject to natural disasters and frequent flooding and that, as a result of climate change, several studies suggest that these phenomena are becoming more and more commonplace:

Would the Commission consider setting up a specific support mechanism for the consequences of natural disasters, which at times occur in a specific location, affect a limited area and therefore suffer damage estimated at less than 1% of GDP?