

**Question for written answer E-000373/2021  
to the Commission**

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**Subject:** Mobilisation of the EUSF to alleviate the effects of Storm Gloria

It is now one year since Storm Gloria hit Catalonia and Spain with devastating effect, causing the loss of 13 lives. This climate event had an unprecedented impact on ecology and farming and was clearly a consequence of the effects of climate change. In its passage, Storm Gloria wiped out a large number of beaches and infrastructure sited near the sea, and caused serious damage in the Ebro Delta, and the Tordera and Ter river basins.

On 30 January 2020 Parliament held a debate during the part-session attended by the Vice-President of the Commission, Maroš Šefčovič, at which it was said that the European Union Solidarity Fund (EUSF) should be mobilised, as well as other instruments available, to alleviate the storm's impact on the areas affected. According to the Commission's answer to parliamentary questions E-000394/2020 and E-000396/2020, '[t]he Spanish authorities have submitted a preliminary application for EUSF assistance further to the storm Gloria'.

1. Did the Spanish authorities submit a full and complete application for the EUSF to be mobilised to alleviate the effects of Storm Gloria? Did the Commission agree to the application?
2. Is the Commission considering measures under its cohesion policy to prevent and manage the risk of disasters in the EU's deltas?