

**Question for written answer E-003879/2021
to the Commission**

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Subject: Use and reform of the 'Greece 2.0' plan

Recently, Greece has faced hundreds of fires that, according to estimates by the European Forest Fire Information System (EFFIS), have destroyed more than 95 000 hectares of land.

However, as part of the 'Greece 2.0' recovery and resilience plan, only a maximum of 16 500 hectares will be replanted by 2026, which equates to a sixth of the area destroyed by fire since the beginning of 2021.

Moreover, the financial support provided under the EU Civil Protection Mechanism only amounts to EUR 800 million, or 2.6% of the EUR 30.5 billion available under the scheme.

While these funds will mainly be used to upgrade civil protection infrastructure, only a very small amount is earmarked for fire prevention and measures to help the environment to recover through initiatives such as replanting trees and building flood defences.

Given the intensity of the forest fires and the extent of the climate crisis, I would ask the following:

1. Is the Commission prepared to look at changes to the Greek recovery plan that would provide more practical and financial support to prevent and fight forest fires and other natural disasters, and to back local plans to regenerate the most affected areas?
2. Has the Commission considered the changes suggested by the Greek Government that use and reform the 'Greece 2.0' recovery plan and draw upon the European Structural and Investment Funds for 2021-2027 period?