

**Question for written answer E-004132/2021  
to the Commission**  
Rule 138  
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Subject: EU Solidarity Fund in Ahrweiler

Between 14 and 17 July 2021, flooding caused major destruction to infrastructure and real estate in the district of Ahrweiler.

On 25 July 2021, *Die Welt* cited EU Commissioner for Crisis Management Janez Lenarčič as saying: 'At the request of a Member State and after evaluation by the EU Commission, the EU Solidarity Fund can cover part of the costs that the authorities incur for emergency operations and reconstruction efforts.' He goes on to say: 'Of course, this can also be considered for Germany.' This would seem to suggest that areas affected by the flooding of the Ahr could, in principle, apply for aid from the EU Solidarity Fund<sup>1</sup>.

Has the Commission since received any requests to that effect from Germany?

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<sup>1</sup> [https://ec.europa.eu/germany/news/20210726flut\\_de](https://ec.europa.eu/germany/news/20210726flut_de)