

**Question for written answer E-004393/2021/rev.1
to the Commission**
Rule 138
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Subject: Earthquake in Arkalochori near Iraklion

On Monday 27 September, the island of Crete was hit by a powerful 5.8-magnitude earthquake in Arkalochori near Iraklion, leaving one person dead and several injured

and damaging key infrastructures, such as roads, telecommunications and water supplies. According to initial estimates, over 1 000 houses and other buildings in the area were laid to waste and rendered unusable. Aftershocks could cause further damage, with residents forced to stay away from their homes until on-the-spot inspections have been completed.

In view of the difficulties in deploying the Solidarity Fund and the limitations thereof:

1. What assistance can the Commission offer, in which sectors and for what measures, especially in response to the immediate impact of this powerful earthquake on the area affected?
2. What funding can the Commission provide for compensation payments and repairs?