

**Question for written answer E-004476/2021  
to the Commission**

Rule 138

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**Subject:** Possibility of drawing funds from the MFF special instruments for use under the Regulation on the EU Solidarity Fund

As a result of the numerous natural disasters this year, several affected Member States are expected to submit applications for assistance from the European Union Solidarity Fund in the coming weeks. In view of the preliminary estimates of the level of damage, it can be assumed that this year's and possibly next year's Solidarity Fund budget will not be sufficient to provide an adequate level of assistance to all Member States.

1. Under the current legal framework, is it possible in principle to reallocate funds from the Emergency Aid Reserve to the Solidarity Fund – both now grouped under the Solidarity and Emergency Aid Reserve – and to use them for the purposes provided for under the Solidarity Fund Regulation?
2. Does the legal framework in principle allow the possibility of using funds from the Single Margin Instrument and/or from the Flexibility Instrument for the purposes provided for under the Solidarity Fund Regulation?
3. If the legal framework allows for the above options, is the Commission considering making use of either or both of them?