

**Question for written answer E-005471/2021
to the Commission**
Rule 138
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Subject: Evaluating the Directive on the assessment and management of flood risks in the wake of the disastrous floods of summer 2021

Directive 2007/60/EC on the assessment and management of flood risks came into force on 26 November 2007. The Directive provides for so-called flood risk management plans, which are each valid for six years and are updated on a cyclical basis.

1. What conclusions does the Commission draw from the disastrous floods this summer with a view to the next cycle of the Directive, which begins on 22 December 2021, the date by which flood risk management plans must be reviewed and, where necessary, updated?
2. With regard to the flood hazard maps, does the Commission consider it necessary to extend the scenarios 'floods with a low probability, or extreme event scenarios', 'floods with a medium probability (likely return period ≥ 100 years)' and 'floods with a high probability, where appropriate' with other scenarios in order to achieve more dynamic flood risk management in the geographical areas that might be affected by flooding?
3. Does the Commission consider it necessary to include in the Directive more precise provisions on the categorisation of flood risks in order to achieve better harmonisation of flood hazard maps and flood risk maps in the EU?