

Question for written answer E-000541/2022
to the Commission
Rule 138
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Subject: Use and recovery of funds from the EU Solidarity Fund

I would like to ask the Commission:

1. Regarding the Solidarity Fund and Council Regulation (EC) No 2012/2002 of 11 November 2002 establishing the European Union Solidarity Fund, as well as the amending regulations (Regulation (EU) No 661/2014 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 15 May 2014 and Regulation (EU) 2020/461 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 30 March 2020), is it possible to extend the 18-month period referred to in Article 8 within which the financial contribution must be used? If so, what is the basis for extending this period?
2. To date, 28 European countries have received more than EUR 5 billion in support from the Solidarity Fund. How much of that money (broken down by country and disaster) was recovered as it had not been used within the 18-month period?