

**Question for written answer E-003350/2022
to the Commission**
Rule 138
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Subject: Trapani: frequent flooding and inadequate sewerage system

Between September and October 2022, heavy rainfall from a number of violent storms in Trapani resulted in disastrous flooding, dangerously blocking the city's main arteries and causing major damage.

The flooding, which occurs regularly every year, is due to the inadequacy of the sewerage system, which is unable to dispose of large amounts of rainwater, and lack of regular sewer and drain maintenance, as highlighted in the attached question tabled by the municipal council.

Although these events were due to exceptionally heavy rainfall, they yet again highlighted 'the serious structural shortcomings of Trapani's sewerage system', as reported by a special commissioner between 2017 and 2018.

Given that violent weather is an increasingly common occurrence in Italy, as demonstrated by the flooding in the Marche area:

1. Can the Commission say whether the municipality of Trapani submitted any sewerage modernisation projects in the 2007-2013 and 2014-2020 EU programming periods and whether they obtained funding?
2. What EU funding is being earmarked for measures to reduce flood risks through enhanced sewerage capacity in the 2021-2027 programming period?
3. Is the Commission planning to earmark funding for routine maintenance, functional improvement, better safety standards and the provision of technologically enhanced rather than just standard infrastructures?