

**Question for written answer E-001199/2023
to the Commission**

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Subject: Safety of buildings in Europe

In recent weeks, tens of thousands of people have been killed and injured as a result of intense seismic activity in Türkiye and Syria, provoking legitimate concerns in neighbouring European countries.

While it is well known that compliance with strict seismic building codes is now mandatory under EU regulations, the situation regarding older buildings situated in seismic areas and in place before the adoption of EU regulations on earthquake protection is giving cause for great anxiety and concern.

In view of this:

1. Can the Commission say what is being done to protect buildings constructed before the adoption of the Eurocode and whether any mechanisms are in place for the maintenance of old buildings?
2. Is funding available to carry out studies and make the necessary repairs to old buildings in the EU Member States?

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