

**Question for written answer E-002229/2023
to the Commission**

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Subject: Request for immediate activation of the Solidarity Fund (EUSF) for areas in the Veneto region hit by bad weather

Provinces in the Veneto region – and particularly Treviso, Vicenza and Venice – have recently been experiencing extreme weather phenomena that are causing enormous economic and social damage.

The Governor of the Veneto region, Luca Zaia, has declared a state of emergency due to the heavy rainfall and hailstorms that have devastated many crops, and to winds gusting up to 133.6 km/h, which have damaged countless companies, schools and hospitals in the area.

So far, two people have been injured and 350 members of the public have had to make emergency distress calls.

In view of the above, can the Commission state whether it will provide suitable financial support to the areas in the Veneto region hit by these catastrophic weather events by immediately activating the European Union Solidarity Fund (EUSF)?

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