

**Question for written answer E-002585/2023
to the Commission
Rule 138
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Subject: Measures for tackling extreme weather events more quickly

Significant natural disasters have been caused by Storm Daniel, which has hit the regions of Thessaly and Central Macedonia. States of emergency have been declared in many areas within those regions (Larissa, Agia, Farsala, Kileler, Volos, Pelion, Anchialos, the Sporades islands, Karditsa, Palamas, Trikala, etc.), with blockages and enormous problems affecting main roads, houses, crops and property, in addition to the even more tragic consequence of the loss of life. In addition, in the coming hours, the acute wave of strong storms and bad weather is expected to continue and to affect other areas of mainland Greece.

We are witnessing the constant proliferation of natural disasters in Europe, with increasing numbers of populations and ecosystems being affected and requiring assistance. Such extreme climate events have been growing in number, recurrence and intensity. Without a doubt, there is now a permanent risk of extreme weather events that cause natural disasters, and this applies to the whole of Europe.

1. Does the Commission therefore intend to make immediate use of all the funding tools at its disposal to assist the Greek authorities to put right the damage and compensate those affected as quickly as possible?
2. What new measures and what additional measures does it plan to put forward in order to more quickly tackle extreme weather events and the climate crisis, which are leading to ever more frequent natural disasters?

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