

**Question for written answer E-002674/2023
to the Commission**

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Subject: EU solidarity is urgently needed for the Thessaly flood victims and to repair the damage caused

The unprecedented deadly weather event that hit the region of Thessaly is a national tragedy of biblical proportions. Although it is not yet possible to establish the full extent of the impact the unprecedented natural disaster had on the region of Thessaly, ravaging 25% of the domestic primary sector, the general consensus is that the cost will be huge once the flood water has gone and the damage has been quantified. Incalculable damage has been caused to cropland, crops have been lost and livestock farms have been completely destroyed, with all their livestock lost to drowning. In addition, producers will incur significant loss of income and there will be a substantial fall in GDP due to the economy shrinking as a result of hundreds of hectares of cropland being covered by mud and debris.

In view of this:

What measures does the Commission intend to take in support of those affected by the deadly floods, and what European financial instruments can be used to repair the damage caused by the flooding and to help the victims?

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