

**Question for written answer E-000783/2024
to the Commission**

Rule 138

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Subject: Appropriations to be earmarked for the hydrogeological safety of municipalities in floodplain areas of the European Union

Many urban areas that have developed close to rivers remain exposed to hydrogeological risk, and this has been compounded by periods of exceptional rainfall due to climate change coupled with the erosion of riverbanks by flash floods. One of the goals of the Biodiversity Strategy for the near future is to restore both freshwater ecosystems affected by pollution and hydromorphological changes, and 25 000 km of the EU's watercourses. Municipalities located in floodplain or estuary areas are very often unable to bear the huge financial costs of the environment regeneration needed to resolve the problems posed by hydrogeological risk.

In light of the above, can the Commission state whether it will allocate, not least in view of the goals of the Biodiversity Strategy, amounts that enable municipalities located on floodplains to take regeneration measures aimed at ensuring their hydrogeological safety?

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