

ORAL QUESTION H-0055/03  
for Question Time at the part-session in February 2003  
pursuant to Rule 43 of the Rules of Procedure  
by Ioannis Patakis  
to the Commission

Subject: Devastation of infrastructure and farms in Thessaly and other parts of Greece by widespread flooding

The heavy rain which swept across Greece recently has given rise to flooding in many areas of the country, particularly Thessaly and Attica, causing considerable damage to homes and businesses, livestock and crops, and totally devastating agricultural production. These floods have demonstrated the deficiencies or unsuitability of the anti-flooding works carried out in these areas and the population is deeply concerned about a possible recurrence of such events.

What measures will the Commission take towards compensating those affected and creating the necessary infrastructure to protect the areas concerned from flooding?

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