

WRITTEN QUESTION P-3561/07
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to the Commission

Subject: Solidarity Fund and forest fires in Cyprus

The fire in the forest of Troodos on Cyprus was disastrous and will have long-term effects on the environment and the lives of the inhabitants of the region owing, in particular, to the disruption of its economic stability. A close reading of the Regulation on the European Solidarity Fund reveals that Cyprus could be eligible for aid from the Fund. Has the Commission proposed - or does it intend to propose - support from the Solidarity Fund for the areas affected by the fires, which are home to a significant section of the rural population of Cyprus who are fighting for their immediate survival?