

**Question for written answer P-003054/2014
to the Commission**

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Subject: Assistance from the EU Solidarity Fund following extreme weather conditions in the Var and Alpes-Maritimes departments

The torrential rain which battered the south of France in December 2013 and January 2014 caused severe flooding in the Var and Alpes-Maritimes departments. A state of natural disaster was subsequently declared in dozens of communes by means of the orders of 31 January (INTE1402377A) and 27 February 2014 (INTE1404399A). Assistance from the EU Solidarity Fund (EUSF) will be essential to efforts to repair the damage caused by the extreme weather conditions.

In view of the fact that Member States must apply for EUSF funding, has the Commission been liaising with the French Government on this issue?