

**Question for written answer P-005055/2018
to the Commission**

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Subject: Devastating floods in many regions of Greece

The toll so far from the floods in recent days amounts to three missing persons, two in Mantoudi and one in Almyros, Magnisia, and extensive damage to roads, houses, small local shops, infrastructure, agricultural crops, stables and livestock in Evia, Fthiotida, Corinthia, Argolis, Laconia and other regions. This reveals yet again the absence of flood-prevention protection and planning measures. Many regions were left without water or electricity.

Because of the actions over time by Greek Governments and local authorities which have adopted the EU's 'cost/benefit' policy, flood-prevention works, together with infrastructure works in general on rivers which burst their banks during heavy rainfall, are not being completed.

Can the Commission say what its position is regarding the urgent need to mobilise the EU Solidarity Fund in order to:

- pay full compensation to those affected in the above regions for the damage to housing, household effects, shops, market stalls, agricultural machinery, agricultural installations and crops, animal feed, livestock and plants, and to pay them a temporary allowance?

- ensure that the state takes responsibility for reconstructing all the damaged infrastructure, including the water supply and sewage systems?

- carry out without delay all necessary flood-prevention works and works required to dredge and deepen rivers, correct gullies and complete erosion-prevention and flood-prevention works in the regions which have been burnt?