

**Question for written answer P-001022/2019  
to the Commission**

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Subject: Major disasters strike again in Crete

Crete has once more been hit by severe storms that have tragically claimed another life and inflicted massive damage on many parts of the island. Bridges have collapsed and roads have been washed away, cutting off dozens of villages in the prefectures of Chania and Rethymno. Widespread damage has been sustained by other infrastructures, working class homes, properties and crops, while power and water supplies have been cut in many areas.

Once again, it is the local residents who must bear the consequences of the total failure of the EU and the national, regional and local governments to ensure adequate flood protection. While such projects would be eligible for funding, they are failing to materialise, since they do not generate the desired corporate profits, leaving the grass roots unprotected.

In view of this:

Will the Commission secure compensation for working class households, the self-employed and poor farmers in the stricken areas of Crete, together with EU solidarity funding for repairs to the provincial road network, the North Road Axis and other damaged infrastructures, through removal of the prohibitive limits and restrictions contained in the relevant regulation?

What other EU funds will it deploy for the compensation of flood victims, the restoration of infrastructures and the construction of vital flood defences?