

**Priority question for written answer P-000620/2023
to the Commission**

Rule 138

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Subject: Aid for the earthquake-stricken areas of Syria and Türkiye and the situation of the Kurds

On the request of the Syrian and Turkish authorities, the EU Civil Protection Mechanism has been activated in response to the devastating earthquakes in those countries. On 17 February, the Commission announced that EU disaster relief for the areas affected in Türkiye and Syria would be further increased¹.

However, reports are now being circulated by Kurdish communities in Europe and the press²³ to the effect that aid packages and assistance to stricken areas inhabited mainly by Kurds are arriving very slowly if at all. Such aid is desperately needed on the ground and must be provided in full.

How will the Commission ensure that aid packages and assistance also reach areas inhabited by Kurds and are used to succour local people?

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¹ https://germany.representation.ec.europa.eu/news/eu-katastrophenhilfe-fur-erdbebengebiet-der-turkei-und-syrien-wird-ausgeweitet-2023-02-17_de

² <https://www.stern.de/gesellschaft/erdbeben-in-der-tuerkei-und-syrien--bei-den-kurden-kommt-kaum-hilfe-an-33185084.html>

³ <https://www.faz.net/aktuell/feuilleton/debatten/erdbeben-in-der-tuerkei-und-syrien-geld-abgezweigt-und-hilfe-blockiert-18685829.html>