

**Priority question for written answer P-001787/2023  
to the Commission**

Rule 138

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Subject: Funding of private flood protection measures

In the summer of 2021, one of the worst natural disasters in the history of the Federal Republic of Germany struck in the Ahr Valley. In addition to funding to repair damage, flood protection plays an important role in preventing future disasters in the affected areas.

As a rule, beneficiaries of State aid for flood protection are legal persons governed by public law.

1. Would the funding of individual (private) flood protection measures by companies or private individuals be at odds with EU State aid rules and, if so, which rules?
2. Under what conditions is the funding of individual (private) flood protection measures permissible under European State aid law?

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