

**Priority question for written answer P-002599/2023
to the Commission**

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Subject: EU support to Greece for the devastating wildfires and floods

Over the last month Greece has been hit by natural disasters of biblical proportions. The huge fire that broke out in the Dadia-Lefkimi-Soufliou national park in the Evros region is the largest wildfire ever recorded in the EU and an unprecedented national and European ecological and environmental disaster. The floods in Thessaly, which submerged entire villages and the Thessalian plain, sadly led to loss of human life and have brought despair to residents, farmers, livestock farmers, beekeepers and professionals in the area. People's property, including commercial property such as livestock farms, tourist accommodation, businesses, farmland and ancient olive groves has been wiped out. The compensation promised by the Greek government is not enough to cover the damage caused by this huge national disaster.

In view of this:

1. What measures does the Commission intend to take to help those affected by the natural disasters in Greece? What European funds can be made available?
2. Are there any European financial instruments available to relieve residents, professionals and farmers from the devastation caused by the wildfires and floods?

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