

**Question for written answer E-002340/2024
to the Commission**
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Subject: Urgent activation of the agricultural crisis reserve to mitigate the devastating impact of torrential rainfall on the agricultural sector in affected areas of Spain

On 28 October, Spain was struck by a weather phenomenon known as a *DANA* (a high-altitude isolated depression), with numerous torrential rainstorms severely impacting the cities of Valencia, Almería and Málaga. In El Ejido, an important agricultural centre in the province of Almería, the volume of rainfall was recorded at 80 litres/m². At the height of the season, it caused damage estimated at more than EUR 30 million to thousands of hectares of greenhouses. As a result, it will be impossible for local farmers to sustain themselves during the current harvest period.

1. Does the Commission intend to activate the agricultural crisis reserve as a matter of urgency to help the many farmers impacted by the storms, and to deploy the EU Civil Protection Mechanism (rescEU)?
2. In addition to CAP funding, does the Government of Spain have at its disposal EU funds which it could use to address the enormous financial losses that the storms have caused?

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