

**Question for written answer E-002728/2024
to the Commission**
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Subject: Providing support and repairing damages in relation to extreme weather events

Every day, we see different EU countries facing extreme weather events and the effects thereof.

Storm Bora has caused loss of life and major destruction in several parts of Greece.

In particular, the island of Rhodes and several municipal units on the island of Lemnos were placed in a month-long state of emergency due to flooding caused by the storm¹.

Although existing European resources² have been bolstered³, they are insufficient, given that just last October, a support package worth more than EUR 1 billion was adopted to support recovery efforts in five countries following the severe floods of 2023.

In view of the above:

1. What will the Commission do to ensure that the EU's financial tools are commensurate with the disasters it is facing, as well as to increase their effectiveness and flexibility so that they can be mobilised quickly to support disaster recovery?
2. What steps will the Commission take to support the repair of infrastructure and networks and the recovery of the affected regions?

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¹ State of emergency in Rhodes and Lemnos – shocking images of the devastation caused by the storm
<https://www.iefimerida.gr/ellada/se-katastasi-ektaktis-anagkis-kiryhthike-i-rodos>.

² Solidarity Fund and Emergency Aid Reserve

³ In 2024 prices, the annual allocation for the EUSF amounts to EUR 1.14 billion.