

**Question for written answer E-002993/2024
to the Commission**
Rule 144
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Subject: Flood and landslide risk assessment in Sicily: a decade of inertia and consequences for public safety

A serious situation has arisen in Sicily, where funds earmarked for mapping flood risks in 70 municipalities have not been used for more than a decade, despite the increasing incidence of flood events and the related human and material tragedies¹.

Directive 2007/60/EC² aims to mitigate the risks and consequences of floods by encouraging Member States to take effective prevention and management measures³.

The recent interruption to funding for updating the flood hazard map in Sicily raises significant concerns about the region's commitment to flood and landslide risk management.

Despite the importance of flood hazard maps for flood planning and intervention, Sicily is facing stagnation in the process of updating and implementing these critical instruments.

In light of the above:

1. Is the Commission aware of this situation and what action could it take to ensure compliance with the Floods Directive in Sicily?
2. What financial measures could it take to support the updating of the flood hazard maps?
3. Does it think it would be worthwhile setting up an EU database to record and assess landslides and their causes using a uniform criterion⁴?

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¹ https://qds.it/stop-appalto-studio-rischi-idraulici-70-comuni-regione-fondi/?refresh_ce

² Transposed in Italy by Legislative Decree No 49/2010.

³ Article 6 requires Member States to prepare flood hazard and flood risk maps at the level of the river basin district or unit of management for areas of potential significant flood risk identified in accordance with Article 5.

⁴ <https://publications.jrc.ec.europa.eu/repository/handle/JRC66707>