

**Question for written answer E-000636/2025/rev.1
to the Commission**
Rule 144
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Subject: EU support in response to the seismic activity in the Cyclades – activating the Copernicus Emergency Management Service

The island of Santorini and the wider Cyclades region are being struck by continuous seismic activity, with more than 7 700 earthquakes recorded in recent weeks. The strongest tremor was recorded on 10 February 2025, measuring 5.3 on the Richter scale. The intense seismic activity has prompted fear among residents, caused damage to infrastructure and resulted in the temporary closure of schools. Local authorities are on standby, but there is a critical need for accurate data and satellite mapping. Activating the Copernicus Emergency Management Service (CEMS) will provide valuable support to the Greek authorities with regard to monitoring the impact and coordinating necessary actions. We call on the European Commission to act swiftly, ensuring a timely response and the protection of citizens.

In view of the above:

1. Will the Commission take action to enable the activation of the CEMS service for Santorini and the Cyclades?
2. How can the Commission support the Greek authorities in managing the consequences of this ongoing seismic activity?
3. Are there any additional European mechanisms that can be activated to protect citizens and infrastructure on the islands?

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