

**Question for written answer E-003080/2025
to the Commission**
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Subject: Immediate action to address the impact of the deadly wildfire in the mountainous Limassol region

Since yesterday, 23 July 2025, Cyprus has been experiencing one of the worst ecological disasters due to unprecedented wildfires, with incalculable damage in all sectors. Forest and shrubland areas, agricultural crops, livestock farms, businesses and houses have been burnt to a crisp. Unfortunately, the fires have also resulted in loss of human life. According to initial reports, more than 100 square kilometres have been affected.

The problems that have arisen need to be addressed immediately and very quickly. The damage is estimated to be in the tens of millions of euro, with immediate mobilisation and support therefore being required from the European Commission.

In view of the above, the Commission is asked:

1. By what means will it mobilise/activate exceptional funds from the European Solidarity Fund to provide immediate financial support for Cyprus, in order to help ensure a rapid recovery in the wake of the destruction?
2. Does it intend to revisit the possibility of creating a European aerial firefighting base in Cyprus, a country included in the group of countries prone to fires?
3. What forms of assistance will it provide to Cyprus in the near future to address the effects of the destruction and to prevent future natural disasters, given that the country is heavily impacted by climate change?

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