

**Question for written answer E-003540/2025
to the Commission**
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Subject: Fires in Portugal and funds for investment in forests

The fact that some 250 000 hectares have been ravaged by fire in Portugal this year – a quarter of the area burned in all EU Member States – calls for urgent intervention.

Despite the disastrous events in previous years and the ensuing set of technical recommendations, which have yet to be implemented, policies involving the abandonment of land and disinvestment in forests continue to be pursued. For example, EUR 114 million has been cut from support for investment in forests (as part of the reprogramming of the common agricultural policy strategic plan).

Policies are needed that provide more public financing for action in Portugal and stronger support for family farming and the countryside, guaranteeing fair prices for production, starting with the price of timber.

In view of the above:

1. What EU financing can be made available to Portugal to step up public investment in forests, to establish teams of forest firefighters and to bolster the structures of the state, the Ministry of Agriculture and the Institute for the Conservation of Nature and Forests (ICNF)), among others?
2. What EU financing can be made available to Portugal to restructure the civil protection system, providing public management of State Emergency Communications Network (SIRESP) and to acquire the air assets needed to fight fires?

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