

**Question for written answer E-001337/2026/rev.1
to the Commission**
Rule 144
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Subject: European funding for the creation of a European Water Management Authority and for flood response

This is the third time I have called for European action within the space of a few days, in relation to a very serious issue concerning the excessive surge of water from Bulgaria into the Evros region. Following extensive rainfall in Bulgaria, large volumes of water have been discharged from dams, resulting in water levels rising to over 7 metres, the flooding of 150 square kilometres of land and the destruction of rural infrastructure, roads and private property. Residents have attempted to create makeshift barriers to keep water from entering their homes. Three municipalities have found themselves in a disastrous situation. Immediate and coordinated European intervention is needed to finance and establish a European Water Management Authority, in order to provide direct support for the Evros region.

In view of the above, can the Commission answer the following:

1. Will it finance the creation of a European Water Management Authority in order to provide direct support for the Evros region?
2. Will it finance the construction of additional flood defences in Evros to prevent similar events in the future?

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