

Question for written answer E-001733/2026
to the Commission
Rule 144
Dimitris Tsiodras (PPE)

Subject: Actions to boost European resources and strengthen EU capacities in the fields of fire prevention, detection and response

In 2025, Europe experienced the worst wildfire season on record¹. Specifically, 1 079 538 hectares – equivalent to approximately the area of Cyprus – were ravaged by fire across several EU Member States. Meanwhile, the size and intensity of the fires are increasing and the likelihood of very large fires or ‘megafires’ is expected to more than double by the end of the century.

This situation calls for a drastic increase in European instruments and further use of innovative technologies to prevent, detect and respond to fires and strengthen the EU’s resilience.

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

1. What is its forecast for an increase in resources and instruments to improve fire prevention and response?
2. How will it support EU Member States in planning prevention and preparedness measures, including tools and systems for early warnings and forest management?
3. How does it intend to use programmes such as Horizon Europe to support research and the adoption of innovative technologies in the field of integrated fire risk management?

Submitted: 28.4.2026

¹ Joint Research Centre of the European Commission.