

**Question for written answer E-004088/2026
to the Commission**
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Subject: Disastrous floods in Crete

The consequences of the lack of comprehensive flood protection planning by the selectively incapable bourgeois state in Crete are enormous. Disastrous floods have put hundreds of people's lives at risk. There has been incalculable damage to infrastructure, housing, agricultural crops and livestock.

Those affected by the 2022 floods in Agios Vasileios, the 2025 wildfire in Ierapetra and the 2019 flooding in Platanias are still waiting for compensation. Progress on flood defence projects has been sluggish, while in Arkalochori, residents are still living in containers.

The government and local administration are largely responsible, having promoted private and other investments in the interests of capital by means of facilitation and fast-track procedures, while necessary works have been left on the back burner for years.

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

1. What is its position on the call for the so-called 'EU Solidarity Fund' to be used to immediately and fully repair all infrastructure destroyed or damaged by the recent bad weather in Crete, with 100 % compensation for those affected, without any terms and conditions or EUSF limits, with a simultaneous freeze on their debts, and the full restoration of and support for farmers for damage to their crops, as well as for livestock farmers?
2. What is its position on the immediate, generous funding of all the island's necessary flood protection projects and infrastructure, which have been in a state of limbo for years, and on the guidelines set out in Directive 2007/60/EC, which weighs up the lives and safety of residents on the basis of the cost-benefit criterion for each project?

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