

**Priority question for written answer P-003255/2025/rev.1
to the Commission**
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Subject: The catastrophic fires in Achaia, Keratea, Chios and other parts of the country

We have already seen one death and 1 600 hectares burnt by the fire in Keratea, Attica, and more than 800 hectares burnt in Ilia. Likewise in Achaia, there has been serious damage to the urban fabric, and the government is hugely responsible for this, failing to provide adequate aerial and land resources and leaving residents without assistance for hours. At the same time, it is attempting, outrageously, to throw the blame on the public and on the municipal authority which - in the wake of the policy of cuts to public funding from the government - mustered all the meagre resources it had.

Similar disasters have occurred in recent days in Preveza, Zakynthos, Chios, Aitolokarnania, Kefallonia, Arta, Chania etc., with more than 12 000 hectares of land burnt, along with houses, stock-rearing units, and wildlife too.

What is the European Commission's view on:

1. The urgent demand for 100 % compensation for those affected by the fires, to be released from the so-called EU Solidarity Fund by derogation from the restrictive terms and conditions which exclude the worst-hit and award subsidies only to construction groups?
2. The fact that the shift towards a 'war economy' promoted by the EU and the government entails the integration of civil protection into European and NATO wartime needs, and reallocation of even the minimal funds that were intended for basic infrastructure measures and projects?

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