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Answer given by Executive Vice-President Fitto  
on behalf of the European Commission  
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For the programming period 2021-2027, Cohesion Policy supports Greece with EUR 726.8 million (out of which EUR 104.9 million under the regional programme ‘Attiki’) for anti-flood measures aiming at risk prevention and flood mitigation, including cleaning of riverbanks. Road infrastructure measures have been foreseen in both regional and sectoral programmes.

The Commission provides guidance and oversight to ensure sound financial management of EU funds and consults with the national authorities to monitor progress of investments’ implementation. Nevertheless, under the shared management and subsidiarity principles governing the Cohesion Policy Funds, project selection and implementation falls under the responsibility of the Member State. Therefore, planning choices and preparation of specific projects are under the responsibility of the relevant national managing authorities. No anti-flood project concerning Kifissos has been selected so far by the competent national authorities under Cohesion Policy Programmes.

The Greek Recovery and Resilience Plan invests in environmental protection and restoration<sup>1</sup>. Measure 16849<sup>2</sup> in particular, contributes to the restoration of 5 700 hectares, and provides for investing in actions concerning anti-erosion and flood protection in the areas of Evros and Rhodope, as well as additional areas, affected by forest fires and floods throughout Greece. The final target is due at the end of 2025 and can include actions concerning Attica and Thessaloniki. Greece is responsible to select the most suitable areas for the aforementioned investment. The Commission will assess the completion of the investment in the course of the concerned payment request (9<sup>th</sup>).

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<sup>1</sup> Component 1.4.

<sup>2</sup> National Reforestation Plan, restoration and prevention (‘antiNERO’), anti-erosion and flood protection measures.