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**Question for written answer E-002440/25
to the Commission
Rosa Serrano Sierra (S&D)
(17 June 2025)**

Subject: Floods in Aragon and the need to boost EU funding for climate change adaptation

The heavy rainfall last weekend caused severe flooding in a number of Zaragoza and Teruel municipalities, notably Campo de Borja, Campo de Belchite and Bajo Martín.

The storms caused injuries and serious damage to homes, infrastructure, and agricultural and livestock farms. There were major disruptions to water and electricity supplies, landslides, collapsed bridges and blocked roads.

The new European Climate Adaptation Plan (ECAP), postponed to 2026, will play a vital role in helping European regions prepare for extreme climate events in the short and long term. It will also lay the groundwork for the planning for infrastructure, energy, water, food and land use in cities and rural areas.

Given that the Commission will present its proposal for the multiannual financial framework (MFF) in July, we would ask the following:

1. To what extent will climate adaptation be taken into account in the next MFF?
2. Does the Commission intend to strengthen the current funds (Civil Protection Mechanism, Solidarity Fund, Emergency Aid Reserve) to tackle the climate emergency or will it establish a new funding instrument?
3. When will ECAP be presented and what specific measures are planned?

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**Answer given by Mr Hoekstra on behalf of the European Commission
(2 September 2025)**

The Commission's proposal of 16 July 2025 for the 2028-2034 Multiannual Financial Framework sets an ambitious target of dedicating 35% of the overall budget to climate and environment objectives.

This target is designed to ensure substantial and sustained budgetary support for the Union's priorities, including climate adaptation and resilience.

The proposal includes an enhanced system to monitor EU spending by tracking how activities contribute to climate change adaptation and resilience.

The Commission proposes to increase funding for the Union Civil Protection Mechanism and Union Health Emergency Preparedness and Response to EUR 10.7 billion, for a faster and more effective response to emergencies.

The incorporation of the European Union Solidarity Fund into the EU Facility under the National and Regional Partnerships Fund will maximise synergies with the implementation of the plans, providing a top-up to national allocations in case of natural or man-made disasters.

The overall amount for the EU solidarity over the period would be EUR 20.1 billion. The Emergency Aid Reserve, also currently a special instrument, will be covered by Global Europe's cushion.

The Commission has started preparing a European Climate Resilience and Risk Management Integrated Framework, which will set out a comprehensive framework and plan for action to support EU countries on climate resilience and preparedness.

It is expected to be adopted during the second half of 2026 and will be developed in close contact with relevant stakeholders through a broad, open and participatory process.
