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**Question for written answer E-000537/26
to the Commission
Carmen Crespo Díaz (PPE)
(10 February 2026)**

Subject: Urgent activation of the European Union Solidarity Fund and the EU Recovery Plan following the floods in Andalusia

In view of the serious floods that recently hit the Autonomous Community of Andalusia, causing widespread damage to basic infrastructure, severely affecting the road network, disrupting essential municipal services, and causing significant economic losses in the productive sectors, including agriculture, tourism and hospitality, with estimates indicating that more than 75% of the surface area was affected and resulting in losses of around 20% of agricultural production:

1. Has the Commission received a formal request from the Spanish Government for the urgent activation of the European Union Solidarity Fund in favour of Andalusia?
2. If so, what is the status of this request and what are the Commission's timeframes for its assessment and possible activation?
3. Also, does the Commission intend to mobilise the EU Recovery Plan, the crisis reserve or other exceptional support instruments to address the severe damage caused by these floods?

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**Answer given by Executive Vice-President Fitto on behalf of the European Commission
(27 March 2026)**

1. The Commission has not yet received an EU Solidarity Fund (EUSF) ⁽¹⁾ application from Spain regarding the storms in January and February 2026. However, Spain has a deadline of 12 weeks as from the first damage occurred to submit an application, demonstrating that the total direct damage exceeds the thresholds specified in Article 2 Regulation (EC) No 1012/2002.
2. The Commission does its utmost to swiftly, yet thoroughly assess the applications submitted for the EUSF. In addition, the Commission stands ready to support and guide the authorities should they need aid in applying for the EUSF.
3. Following a request from the Spanish authorities to mobilise the agricultural reserve to support the agricultural sector affected by the storms, the Commission will examine the possibility to adopt exceptional measures under Regulation (EU) No 1308/2013 ⁽²⁾. If a natural disaster occurs, national authorities may also grant, under certain conditions, support to farmers from their national budget in line with EU state aid rules.

Additionally, Spain can decide to request an amendment of their Common Agricultural Policy Strategic Plan to provide crisis payments to active farmers that are affected by natural disasters and to reinforce the budget for investments to restore production potential.

Concerning the Recovery and Resilience Facility, the Spanish Recovery and Resilience Plan ⁽³⁾ defines how the funds attributed to Spain are allocated. Spain can request to amend the plan to include new measures in cases of objective circumstances.

However, new measures shall comply with the requirements outlined in Regulation (EU) 2021/241 ⁽⁴⁾, including an indicative timeline for the completion by 31 August 2026.

⁽¹⁾ Council Regulation (EC) No 1012/2002 of 11 November 2002 establishing the European Union Solidarity Fund (OJ L 311, 14.11.2002, p. 3) as amended by Regulation (EU) No 661/2014 of the European Parliament and the Council of 15 May 2014 (OJ L 189, 27.6.2014, p. 143) and by Regulation (EU) 2020/461 of the European Parliament and the Council of 30 March 2020 (OJ L 99, 31.3.2020, p. 9): <https://eur-lex.europa.eu/legal-content/EN/TXT/?uri=celex:32002R2012>.

⁽²⁾ Regulation (EU) No 1308/2013 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 17 December 2013 establishing a common organisation of the markets in agricultural products and repealing Council Regulations (EEC) No 922/72, (EEC) No 234/79, (EC) No 1037/2001 and (EC) No 1234/2007: <http://data.europa.eu/eli/reg/2013/1308/oj>.

⁽³⁾ Annex to the Commission Proposal for a Council Implementing Decision amending the Implementing Decision of 13 July 2021 on the approval of the assessment of the recovery and resilience plan for Spain: https://commission.europa.eu/document/download/47a4cc03-061b-4158-a221-f4ba10113a4c_en?filename=COM_2025_794_1_EN_annexe_proposition_cp_part1_v4%20%283%29_0.pdf.

⁽⁴⁾ Regulation (EU) 2021/241 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 12 February 2021 establishing the Recovery and Resilience Facility (OJ L57, 12.2.2021, p.17, Art. 18 (4) e: <http://data.europa.eu/eli/reg/2021/241/oj>).