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**Priority question for written answer P-002687/24
to the Commission
Piotr Müller (ECR)
(27 November 2024)**

Subject: EU funding for flood relief and the provision of emergency aid

On 15 September 2024, Polish Prime Minister Donald Tusk stated on the ‘X’ platform that he had instructed the Polish Minister of European Affairs to request European assistance in view of the need to provide emergency assistance and flood relief in Poland. The aim was to obtain funds from the Cohesion Fund and the Solidarity Fund. In this connection:

1. Has Poland already applied for and mobilised the aforementioned funds from the Solidarity Fund? If so, when?
2. Has Poland already applied for and mobilised the aforementioned funds from the Cohesion Fund, and are these new funds or allocated under the existing Cohesion Fund envelope?
3. If the aforementioned applications have been submitted, have they already been processed? If so, in what amount have they been granted?

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**Answer given by Executive Vice-President Fitto on behalf of the European Commission
(4 February 2025)**

1. and 3. On 29 November 2024, Poland submitted an application for the EU Solidarity Fund ⁽¹⁾, which is being assessed by the Commission. If the conditions for mobilising the Fund are met, the Commission will determine the amount of financial assistance, within the limits of the financial resources available, propose it to the budgetary authority and make it available as quickly as possible.
2. Poland will be able to make use of flexibilities under the 2021-2027 cohesion policy framework based on the recently adopted Regulation ‘RESTORE’ ⁽²⁾, entered into force on 24 December 2024, following the co-legislative negotiations. Member States could reprogramme part of their European Regional Development Fund, European Social Fund Plus and Cohesion Fund allocations for actions and projects in response to natural disasters, including reconstruction and repair measures to alleviate the negative socioeconomic consequences of natural disasters. The increased EU financing and pre-financing rates will ease the budgetary pressure on affected Member States and regions.

Poland will have 6 months from the entry into force of this regulation to submit amendments to its cohesion policy programmes to make use of the support and flexibilities provided in this context.

⁽¹⁾ Council Regulation (EC) No 1217/2002 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) 2024/3236 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 19 December 2024 amending Regulations (EU) 2021/1057 and (EU) 2021/1058 as regards Regional Emergency Support to Reconstruction (RESTORE), available at this link : <http://data.europa.eu/eli/reg/2024/3236/oj>