Question for written answer E-004667/2014 to the Commission Rule 117 Aldo Patriciello (PPE)

Subject: Hydrogeological instability of the Cilentana road

The repeated landslides that have taken place over the last few months resulted, on 27 January 2014, in the definitive closure to traffic of the Provincial Road SP430, known as the Cilentana Road, or the 'Superstrada' (highway) linking Agropoli to Vallo della Lucania.

It is currently impossible to reopen the Cilentana Road (SP430) to traffic unless the Region, Government or European Commission take exceptional action.

This 'emergency' is cutting off entire communities from the rest of the country.

The main problem remains, first and foremost, the hydrogeological instability of the Cilentana road at two points between Agropoli and Prignano Cilento. The first problem is the landslide which opened up a huge hole in the tarmac and swept the road down the hill into the valley; the second, more difficult to fix, is the damage, due to subsidence, to the pier holding up the bridge carrying the main road, which crosses the entire area.

Many other roads in the province have been damaged by poor maintenance and by exceptional rains in recent months. To name but the most important main road closures in the area south of Salerno, we have that of the coastal road between Palinuro and Marina di Camerota, which was fortunately immediately reopened, the SS18 Tirrenica Road, just below Torre Orsaia, the SP47 road between Gioi Cilento and Vallo della Lucania, the road linking Pisciotta and Ascea and the road connecting the main town of Pisciotta to the station and to Marina di Pisciotta. In the same area of Cilento, the Mingardina road was closed to traffic, on the stretch connecting Centola-Palinuro and Camerota to the aforementioned Cilentana road, due to a rockfall in the municipality of Celle di Bulgheria.

The emergency regarding the SP430 road continues because of the risks related to the bridge piers, which could collapse at any moment like a house of cards, but in the municipality of Acerno, too, landslide incidents are creating numerous problems for residents.

In view of the above, does the Commission consider that all the criteria have been met in order for the entire province of Salerno, or at least the Cilento area, to be able to benefit from the European Union Solidarity Fund (EUSF), which was established in order to respond to major natural disasters and to express European solidarity with the affected EU regions?

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