

**Question for written answer E-000569/2023  
to the Commission**

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Subject: Preventive measures at European level for Member States most affected by earthquakes

The deadly earthquakes in Türkiye and Syria have once more drawn attention to the serious risks faced by seismic areas, especially in certain EU Member States, and raised questions regarding the extent to which we in the EU are prepared for such eventualities. A number of experts, seismologists and geologists have publicly warned that Cyprus, Greece and surrounding countries must be prepared for the imminent possibility of a powerful earthquake. Generally speaking, many EU Member States are at risk, with Italy, Greece, Romania, Bulgaria and Cyprus being particularly prone to earthquakes, which are also a distinct possibility in countries such as Germany, Austria, the Czech Republic, France, Spain, Portugal and Malta.

In view of this:

1. Can the Commission say what fresh actions and initiatives it will take to support Member States affected by earthquakes, especially with a view to ensuring that they are better prepared and that more effective and coordinated disaster response and recovery procedures are in place in order to avoid loss of life?
2. Could existing funding instruments be extended to cover such needs, especially with regard to preventive and preparatory measures?

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