

**Question for written answer E-000001/2024  
to the Commission**

Rule 138

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Subject: Natural disasters caused by climate change

Recently a number of countries have been hit by natural disasters with extreme weather conditions causing deadly forest fires and flooding, leading to many areas being evacuated and leaving thousands of people displaced. Greece was especially hard-hit by wildfires, notably in Rhodes, Attica, Evros and Thessaly. In light of these disasters, our thoughts are constantly with the inhabitants of the affected areas, with the women and men working for the fire service, the security forces and the volunteers who fought to keep people safe.

In view of this:

1. Will the Commission take any additional prevention measures to protect nature and human safety and address the effects of climate change, thereby supporting areas that have taken a hit economically?
2. Will it review the Civil Protection Mechanism, which should be adapted to address the ever-growing consequences of climate change and monitor the funding that will be given to affected countries?
3. Will it increase funding in the budget to support Member States and review the Solidarity Fund so that more help is given to countries affected by natural disasters caused by climate change?

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