

**Question for written answer E-014601/2015
to the Commission**
Rule 130
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Subject: Solidarity Fund support to deal with the flooding in the Sannio valley in Italy

On 15 and 19 October 2015, 71 out of the 78 municipalities in the province of Benevento, in the Sannio valley, were hit by serious flooding. The cost is put at roughly EUR 81 million for the province of Benevento and at roughly EUR 24 million for the municipality of Benevento. An initial assessment of the damage shows that there have been landslides and that sections of road have been destroyed, leaving a number of towns and villages cut off from the outside world.

In the light of Council Regulation (EC) No 2012/2002, as amended in 2014, which establishes a Solidarity Fund to provide assistance to communities affected by natural disasters, can the Commission answer the following questions:

- Is it aware of this natural disaster?
- How does it intend to support the communities affected?
- Does it intend to make specific funding available to support those communities?