

**Question for written answer E-014933/2015
to the Commission
Rule 130
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Subject: Measures to make good earthquake damage in Lefkada

The powerful earthquake in Lefkada, which claimed two human lives, has once more tragically highlighted the lack of earthquake protection in Greece, which is located in an area of frequent and intense seismic activity. All Greek governments to date bear a large share of responsibility for this, having given insufficient attention to earthquake protection projects and infrastructures, which were considered ineligible by governments and the EU institutions for Structural Fund and Cohesion Fund assistance, since they do not generate any business profits. From the Commission's replies to our previous questions, it emerges that the EU Solidarity Fund will not offset individual losses. However, while the Ionian population is being left at the mercy of earthquakes, it appears that, for all the fine words uttered by the EU and various Greek governments concerning the 'Ionian-Adriatic macro-region' the plans and projects being developed are merely intended to increase business profits for monopoly interests.

In view of this:

Can the Commission say whether it intends to provide Structural Fund and Solidarity Fund assistance to fully offset the losses sustained, and help those affected by the earthquake, in particular the unemployed, low earners and low-income pensioners, or will it always be the same people who have to pay twice over for the lack of regard shown by the EU and the Greek Government for the interests of the people?