

**Question for written answer E-014487/2015**  
**to the Commission**  
Rule 130  
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Subject:     Activation of the EU Solidarity Fund for rain damage in the Canaries

The heavy rain that fell between 22 and 24 October in the Canaries, and specifically on Grand Canary, resulted in major damage currently estimated to amount to EUR 20 million on that island alone and in some 2 400 incidents.

The EU Solidarity Fund was adopted to help countries and people who have been adversely affected by disasters and, quite rightly, it was reformed some years ago to cover not only regional disasters, but also localised ones such as this.

Will the Commission consider using the EU Solidarity Fund to help compensate for the damage to infrastructure, homes and personal property caused by the rainstorms in the Canaries?