

Question for written answer E-016094/2015
to the Commission
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Subject: Increased incidences of natural disasters in the outermost regions due to climate change

For some time, experts have been warning that the effects of climate change will increase the number of natural disasters, which are particularly intense and have an even more devastating impact on more vulnerable areas, such as the outermost regions.

Specifically, some researchers are already saying that the higher water temperature is increasing the number and intensity of storms, as has recently been experienced in the Canary Islands. In 2005, the Canary Islands and Madeira suffered the consequences of Tropical Storm Delta, while a waterspout caused as many as eight deaths on the island of Tenerife in 2002.

1. What steps is the Commission taking to protect the populations of the outermost regions, as well as their property and infrastructure, as natural disasters of this kind become increasingly frequent?
2. Is it working with the national and regional authorities to prevent risk and improve risk management?