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to the Commission**
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Subject: Mechanisms to expand the European emergency system and adapt it to the climate emergency

This year, Europe reached the sad record of over one million hectares ravaged by wildfires.

Spain has been hit the hardest: according to the European Forest Fire Information System (EFFIS), in August alone, more than 352 000 hectares were burned¹ in some of the worst fires in its history, with Galicia, Castile and Leon, and Extremadura being the most affected. The ferocity of the fires, aggravated by an intense heatwave, meant the EU Civil Protection Mechanism had to be activated.

This wave of fires raging simultaneously in various European countries has brought to light two issues: that there are not enough resources to deal with such large-scale emergencies, and that the focus also needs to be on prevention.

Given that experts are warning that, due to the climate crisis, this will not be a one-off:

1. Does the Commission intend to increase funding for programmes such as rescEU and the EU Civil Protection Mechanism to ensure there are sufficient resources for response and prevention?
2. How does it intend to ensure strengthened and continued support for the particularly vulnerable Mediterranean regions?
3. Does it plan to link the European emergency system with prevention and civil protection policies to address the climate crisis in an integrated manner?

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¹ <https://es.euronews.com/2025/08/31/espana-cierra-agosto-con-solo-7-incendios-la-batalla-contra-las-llamas-esta-llegando-a-su->.