

**Question for written answer E-003560/2026/rev.1
to the Commission**

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Subject: Permanent rescEU fleet and delivery status of 12 new firefighting planes

The recurrence of particularly intense fires in recent seasons has underscored the EU's continued exposure to the risk that such fires pose and the importance of having sufficient aerial firefighting capacity that can be deployed at short notice.

In its answer to question E-001501/2024 of 28 October 2024¹, the Commission announced the purchase of 12 new medium amphibious planes for the permanent rescEU fleet, with gradual deliveries starting in 2027. However, information subsequently published by the Commission suggests that the first aircraft are now expected in 2028².

In the light of the above:

1. What is the state of play regarding the acquisition of the 12 aircraft, what is the updated delivery schedule, and what were the reasons for the delay relative to the original schedule?
2. Have any problems arisen with regard to production, industrial capacity, the supply of components or supply chains that could have a further impact on delivery times?

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¹ https://www.europarl.europa.eu/doceo/document/E-10-2024-001501-ASW_EN.html.

² https://civil-protection-humanitarian-aid.ec.europa.eu/what/civil-protection/resceu_en?utm_.