

**Priority question for written answer P-003547/2025
to the Commission**
Rule 144
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Subject: Creation of a new firefighting hub based in Cyprus

On 24 July 2025, following the devastating fires in Cyprus, we asked the Commission whether it intended to reconsider the proposal we made in 2021 to set up a European firefighting base in Cyprus¹.

In his reply of 9 September 2025, Executive Vice-President of the Commission Fitto refrained from taking a position on the matter. However, the following day, at a plenary session of the European Parliament, the President of the Commission announced the creation of a new firefighting hub based in Cyprus. She failed to mention, however, details about its structure, the terms of its mandate or its operating framework.

In view of this, can the Commission answer the following:

1. Will this hub have aerial resources and firefighters, so that it can function effectively as a base for fire protection?
2. What is the timeline for the establishment of this new firefighting hub?
3. What is the total cost of the project and through which European programmes will it be financed?

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¹ https://www.europarl.europa.eu/doceo/document/E-10-2025-003080_EN.html