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Answer given by Ms Ferreira
on behalf of the European Commission
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In November 2023, Greece requested EU Solidarity Fund (EUSF) assistance for the storm Daniel to cover part of the costs for emergency and recovery operations incurred by public authorities. The Commission approved the application, paying an advance of EUR 25.4 million in February 2024, with a balance of EUR 76.1 million due by year-end. Private damage is not eligible under the EUSF. Greece has not applied for EUSF assistance for the ecological catastrophe resulting in masses of dead fish appearing in the Pagasetic Gulf.

Greece's Recovery and Resilience Plan also supports the restoration of the damages to Thessaly's road and railway network affected by storm Daniel including the tourist train line of Pelion.

Through the 2014-2020 Cohesion Policy Funds, some EUR 150 million has been allocated to support the disaster management system with a view to addressing the issue of the floodings in some Greek regions. Additionally, around EUR 13 million has been allocated to support adaptability of enterprises and workers affected by the floods in these areas.

Under 2021-2027 period, almost EUR 2.7 billion from the European Regional Development Funds (ERDF) is available to support small and medium-sized enterprises in Greece, including in tourism. In addition, some EUR 160 million have been allocated for support of sustainable tourism assets. The tourism ecosystem can also benefit from indirect support in other areas. However, under the shared management and subsidiarity principles governing the Cohesion Policy Funds, the selection and implementation of projects fall under the responsibility of the Member State.