

EN

E-002091/2025

Answer given by Ms Lahbib
on behalf of the European Commission
(14.7.2025)

Greece is an active user of Copernicus Emergency Management Services (CEMS)¹, including its on-demand mapping services. For example, in 2024, the Greek national civil protection authority, which is the national CEMS' focal point, activated the rapid mapping service 14 times.

For the time being, the Commission has not yet received a request from the Greek national civil protection authorities for CEMS risk and recovery services to monitor land deformation or for drawing up evacuation plans for a potential future incident in Santorini. However, Greece is aware of this option and has used this service in the past to develop, amongst others, evacuation plans, for example for two United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization World Heritage sites (Delphi and Ancient Olympia), and to assess their exposure to several hazards, including earthquakes.

Under its Cohesion Policy thematic and regional programmes for the 2021–2027 period, Greece earmarked approximately EUR 130 million for the prevention and management of non-climate-related risks, such as earthquakes. In accordance with the shared management procedures, the selection of specific projects is a national competence.

¹ <https://emergency.copernicus.eu/>.