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Answer given by Executive Vice-President Minzatu
on behalf of the European Commission
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The Italian authorities have confirmed, in the context of procedure INFR(2014)4231, that the practice of call-ups of discontinuous volunteer firefighters has ceased since the end of 2024. The tasks previously assigned to these workers will be discharged by permanent firefighters who have been newly recruited for that purpose. Consequently, the Commission considers that there are no grounds for pursuing further the issues of less favourable treatment of discontinuous firefighters and of misuse of successive fixed-term employment relationships with them. The Commission has informed the complainants accordingly¹.

The Commission notes that it follows from settled case law that the framework agreement on fixed-term work² does not lay down a general obligation to provide for the conversion of fixed-term employment contracts into contracts of indefinite duration³.

¹ By means of updates published on 4 March 2025 and on 12 June 2025 on the Commission's multiple complaint website: https://commission.europa.eu/about/contact/problems-and-complaints/complaints-about-breaches-eu-law-member-states/multiple-complaints_en.

² Annexed to Council Directive 1999/70/EC of 28 June 1999 concerning the framework agreement on fixed-term work concluded by ETUC, UNICE and CEEP (OJ L 175, 10.7.1999, p. 43).

³ See, for example, judgment of 7 April 2022 in case C-236/20, *PG*, ECLI:EU:C:2022:263, paragraph 60.