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Answer given by Executive Vice-President Fitto
on behalf of the European Commission
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1. The EU Solidarity Fund (EUSF) can only be activated at the request of Cyprus which has a deadline of 12 weeks as from when the first damage occurred, demonstrating that the total direct damage exceeds the thresholds specified in Article 2 of Regulation (EC) No 2012/2002¹. The EUSF may cover a part of the costs for emergency and recovery operations incurred by public authorities².

2. RescEU³ finances the acquisition of permanent aerial resources, hosted by Member States, to complement national assets. The Commission is financing 75% of the stand-by costs of two air tractor planes from 15 June to 31 October 2025 in Cyprus.

3. Cohesion Policy funds⁴ co-finance investments to promote climate change adaptation, risk prevention and disaster resilience with EUR 80 million. The Cyprus Fire Service Command and Control Centre is under implementation with a budget of EUR 5 million. It is designed to improve coordination between fire stations, reduce response times, ensure secure and continuous communication with citizens, and enhance transparency and effectiveness.

Funds under the Cypriot Rural Development Programme 2014-2022⁵ and the Common Agricultural Policy Strategic Plan 2023-2027⁶ (CSP) may be used to restore agricultural and forestry potential following natural disasters, and for preventive actions.

EUR 550 million of the Cypriot recovery and resilience plan⁷ supports the green transition, civil protection, enhanced firefighting capabilities and climate change mitigation to prevent natural disasters.

The EU Mission on Adaptation to Climate Change⁸ aids Cyprus to develop and implement innovative solutions for forest protection, climate resilience and risk management⁹ to prevent natural disasters.

¹ Council Regulation (EC) No 2012/2002 of 11 November 2002 establishing the European Union Solidarity Fund - <https://eur-lex.europa.eu/legal-content/EN/TXT/?uri=celex:32002R2012>.

² This means, for example, the recovery of essential infrastructure, provision of temporary accommodation to the population, cleaning-up operations, and protection of the cultural heritage. Private damage is not eligible.

³ https://civil-protection-humanitarian-aid.ec.europa.eu/what/civil-protection/resceu_en.

⁴ Specifically, the Thalia 2021–2027 programme.

⁵ http://www.paa.gov.cy/moa/paa/paa.nsf/page01_gr/page01_gr?OpenDocument, note Measure 8 (Investments in forest area development and improvement of the viability of forests).

⁶ CAP Strategic Plan 2023-2027. Note interventions 4.3.1, 4.3.2, 4.3.3, 4.3.4.

http://www.cap.gov.cy/moa/cap/cap.nsf/planning01_el/planning01_el?OpenDocument.

⁷ https://cyprus-tomorrow.gov.cy/cypresidency/kyprostoavrio.nsf/axis02b_el/axis02b_el?OpenDocument, note Investment 9.

⁸ <https://climate-adapt.eea.europa.eu/en/mission>

⁹ As an example, <https://ismed-clim.eu/>.