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Answer given by Mr Hansen
on behalf of the European Commission
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The Commission services are currently assessing the request for exceptional support and information received from Spain, in view of determining the most appropriate course of action to support the farmers affected by the forest fires.

Two instruments under the Common Agricultural Policy (CAP) may provide support for the recovery: Under the Rural Development Programmes 2014-2022 the Spanish regions mentioned in your question have allocated EUR 437.82 million for forest fire prevention and EUR 59.59 million for recovery from the ravages of forest fires. In addition, the Spanish CAP Strategic Plan 2023-2027 foresees, for the same regions, a further support of EUR 158.54 million for fire prevention and EUR 23.05 million for recovery.

Moreover, under the European Regional Development Fund, Spain has allocated EUR 300 million to support investments in adaptation, prevention and preparedness measures to tackle forest fires throughout the period 2021-2027. The recent changes introduced by the Regional Emergency Support to Reconstruction will even allow Member States to redirect part of their existing Funds to recover from natural disasters that occurred in 2024 and 2025.

Finally, 'Forest restoration to primary forest structure, composition and functioning' projects is a priority of the LIFE programmes while investments into the resilience and sustainable management of forests are supported under Component 4 of the Spanish Recovery and Resilience Plan, particularly through Investment 4 'Sustainable Forest Management'.