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The EU supports forest fire fighting activities of the Member States through different EU funds, such as the European Agricultural Fund for Rural Development (EAFRD), the European Regional Development Fund (ERDF) or the Recovery and Resilience Facility (RRF).

The Commission and Member States share the management of the EAFRD and the ERDF. The managing authorities of the funding programmes in Member States are responsible for the selection and monitoring of the projects, in line with the programmes approved.

For the period 2014-2020, the EAFRD co-financed more than EUR 238 million¹ for prevention of fires and natural disasters within the Rural Development Programme of Galicia². In addition, there are two interventions planned in Galicia with more than EUR 83 million³ under the 2021-2027 Common Agricultural Policy Strategic Plan⁴. The current implementation rates of these two interventions are of 20.23% and 7.97% respectively.

The ERDF programme of Galicia financed in the 2014-2020⁵ period three operations related to fires, with an EU contribution of more than EUR 44 million. For the 2021-2027 period⁶, EUR 15.6 million are planned for similar measures, with EUR 2.3 million already allocated to fire preventive actions.

Implementation has started for both funds and the Commission is closely monitoring progress.

Finally, the RRF⁷ funded the acquisition in Galicia of 13 special purpose vehicles for firefighting alongside investments in sustainable forest management to combat forest fires.

¹ Total public expenditure.

² <https://pdr-medioural.xunta.gal/gl/pdr/o-programa>.

³ Total public expenditure.

⁴ https://agriculture.ec.europa.eu/cap-my-country/cap-strategic-plans/spain_en.

⁵ <https://www.conselleriadefacenda.gal/areas-tematicas/planificacion-e-fondos/periodo-comunitario-2014-2020/programas-operativos-2014-2020/po-feder-galicia-2014-2020/programa-operativo-feder-galicia-2014-2020>.

⁶ https://www.conselleriadefacenda.gal/es_ES/areas-tematicas/planificacion-e-fondos/periodo-comunitario-2021-2027/programas-2021-2027/programa-feder-2021-2027.

⁷ Under component 4 of the Spanish Recovery and Resilience Plan.