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Gaza must be rebuilt and Palestinians must be able to return and live in a safe environment where governance is legitimate and the economy is relaunched. The Commission will contribute and support all efforts towards a safe, sustainable and lasting peace, based on the two-state solution by mobilising the tools at its disposal and will continue providing humanitarian assistance and to support the early recovery and reconstruction of Gaza, when conditions are met. The EU strongly condemns the demolitions of structures funded by the EU or its Member States and expects Israel to make good the damage in accordance with international law. The EU, together with the UN and the World Bank, is finalising a Rapid Damage and Needs Assessment which will provide a comprehensive overview of losses until October 2025 ceasefire and recovery needs per sector[1].

The EU bilateral financial support to Israel remains suspended[2]. The Commission continues to support World Health Organisation with medical evacuations of paediatric patients from Gaza and Cairo to Europe under the Union Civil Protection Mechanism (UCPM) and, of the time of writing, 450 patients and 1240 companions have been evacuated with the support of 13 Member States (BE, DE, EL, ES, FR, IE, IT, LU, MT, NL, RO, SI, SK) and three UCPM participating states (AL, NO, TR). The Commission will continue to advocate to expand receiving capacity, while calling on all parties to facilitate safe and timely patient movements.

Additionally, a joint statement signed by several Member States, international partners as well as the High Representative/Vice-President, the Commissioner for Mediterranean and the Commissioner for Equality, Preparedness and Crisis Management was issued in September 2025[3], calling for the restoration of the medical corridor from Gaza to the occupied West Bank, including East Jerusalem.

[1] Report expected to be published in 2026.
[2] https://ec.europa.eu/commission/presscorner/detail/ov/SPEECH_25_2053.
[3] https://via.ritzau.dk/pressemeddelelse/14593325/joint-statement-offer-to-assist-with-treatments-of-patients-from-gaza-in-the-occupied-west-bank-including-east-jerusalem?lang=en.