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Answer given by Executive Vice-President Fitto
on behalf of the European Commission
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1. The Commission must adhere to EU law, including the provisions set out in Regulation (EC) No 2012/2002. The EU Solidarity Fund (EUSF)¹ can be activated by Greece, within 12 weeks of the first damage, if the total direct damage exceeds the thresholds in Article 2 Regulation (EC) No 2012/2002².

2. Directive 2007/60/EC requires Member States to undertake a preliminary flood risk assessment, prepare flood hazard maps and flood risk maps, and based on these maps establish flood risk management plans. The Directive states that the flood risk management plans shall consider relevant aspects *inter alia* costs and benefits. However, the decision on prioritisation of measures and their implementation is taken by the competent authorities of the Member State and not defined by the Directive.

3. In Greece, EUR 744 million of public funding is allocated to prevent and manage climate-related flood risks. Under shared management, national and regional authorities are primarily responsible for designing and implementing these projects.

Greece's recovery and resilience plan³ invests in anti-flood projects across the country to restore and protect ecosystems from floods, landslides and mudslides. A total area of over 400 000 square meters is to be upgraded by the end of the Recovery and Resilience Facility (RRF).

The RRF allows adjustments as circumstances change: Greece requested a revision to remove the 'Flood Mitigation Projects' and to upscale another measure which now includes additional anti-flood, anti-erosion and fire-prevention actions⁴. A new measure has also been added to more comprehensively respond to natural disasters and address challenges from the 2023 Thessaly floods⁵.

¹ <https://eur-lex.europa.eu/eli/reg/2012/2012/oj/eng>.

² It may cover a part of the costs for public authorities' emergency and recovery operations. 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.

³ https://commission.europa.eu/business-economy-euro/economic-recovery/recovery-and-resilience-facility/country-pages/greeces-recovery-and-resilience-plan_en.

⁴ Measure 16849.Measure 'National Reforestation Plan, restoration and prevention (antiNERO), anti-erosion and flood protection measures'.

⁵ Measure 'Accessibility Restoration following the devastating effects of storms DANIEL and ELIAS'.