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Post-disaster housing is not part of the European Affordable Housing Plan¹. This Plan focuses on affordable, sustainable and quality housing solutions on long-term basis as a response to the housing crisis in the EU. It aims to help tackle the structural causes of this crisis by increasing housing supply, triggering investment and reforms, and supporting the people and the areas that are most affected. The Plan also shapes a new way in which EU institutions, national, regional and local governments, financial institutions and stakeholders can work together to address the housing crisis.

In case a Member State is overwhelmed by a disaster, it may request temporary shelter assistance through the EU Civil Protection Mechanism (UCPM). Temporary shelter capacities provided through the UCPM are often donated by the offering Member States during the response phase. For its own rescEU reserve of shelter items, the Commission notes that sustainability factors – such as the type and value of temporary shelters, which may justify retrieving and reusing them – should be considered, although operational conditions may not always allow their efficient reuse.

Regarding funding for temporary accommodation following a natural disaster, the EU Solidarity Fund (EUSF)² may be activated at the request of the affected State. The EUSF may cover part of the costs of emergency and recovery operations incurred by public authorities, including the provision of temporary accommodation for the population concerned. According to EUSF Regulation, it is for the beneficiary State to decide how to spend the awarded assistance while respecting the relevant regulatory provisions.

¹ https://housing.ec.europa.eu/european-affordable-housing-plan_en.

² Council Regulation (EC) No 2012/2002 of 11 November 2002 establishing the European Union Solidarity Fund (OJ L 311, 14.11.2002, p. 3) as amended by Regulation (EU) No 661/2014 of the European Parliament and the Council of 15 May 2014 (OJ L 189, 27.6.2014, p. 143) and by Regulation (EU) 2020/461 of the European Parliament and the Council of 30 March 2020 (OJ L 99, 31.3.2020, p. 9.): <https://eur-lex.europa.eu/legal-content/EN/TXT/?uri=celex:32002R2012>.