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The Commission has a supporting competence in civil protection and Member States have primary responsibility. Under the Union Civil Protection Mechanism (UCPM)<sup>1</sup>, Member States have resources for response, prevention and preparedness. The Union Civil Protection Knowledge Network<sup>2</sup> brings together civil protection actors to share knowledge, improve prevention, preparedness and response, including projects on wildfire prevention and preparedness<sup>3</sup>.

The EU supported research in wildfire risk management<sup>4</sup> through a Horizon 2020 Green Deal call<sup>5</sup>. In addition, Horizon Europe has open calls for preparedness.

The Commission intends to secure and possibly scaleup rescEU<sup>6</sup> and to implement the EU stockpiling strategy<sup>7</sup>. In the next multiannual financial framework, the Commission proposed EUR 10.7 billion for civil protection and health preparedness. New capacities, as fire-fighting night flights, and enlarged operation periods will need to be agreed with Member States.

To help rural communities, the Common Agricultural Policy Strategic Plans (CSP) 2023–2027 support measures for sustainable forest management, fire prevention and forest restoration, addressing rural development priorities. The Spanish CSP forecasted further EUR 158.54 million for fire prevention and EUR 23.05 million for recovery from forest fires ravages.

Before the summer 2025, Spain requested prepositioning of ground forest firefighting teams<sup>8</sup>. Following its notification on possible need for further assistance, Spain requested assistance through the UCPM on 13 August 2025. France and the Netherlands responded, and the Emergency Response Coordination Centre mobilised additional capacities from the European Civil Protection Pool and rescEU.

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<sup>1</sup> [https://civil-protection-humanitarian-aid.ec.europa.eu/what/civil-protection/eu-civil-protection-mechanism\\_en#:~:text=In%20October%202001%2C%20the%20European%20Commission%20established%20the,to%20improve%20prevention%2C%20preparedness%2C%20and%20response%20to%20disasters.](https://civil-protection-humanitarian-aid.ec.europa.eu/what/civil-protection/eu-civil-protection-mechanism_en#:~:text=In%20October%202001%2C%20the%20European%20Commission%20established%20the,to%20improve%20prevention%2C%20preparedness%2C%20and%20response%20to%20disasters.)

<sup>2</sup> More information is available on the UCPM Knowledge Library: [https://civil-protection-knowledge-network.europa.eu/knowledge-library/search?f%5B0%5D=hazard\\_type%3A299](https://civil-protection-knowledge-network.europa.eu/knowledge-library/search?f%5B0%5D=hazard_type%3A299).

<sup>3</sup> There are also recent projects on wildfire prevention and preparedness, such as the Technical Assistance for Disaster Risk Management grants <https://civil-protection-knowledge-network.europa.eu/UCPM-Track-1-call2025> or the Technical Assistance Financing Facility <https://civil-protection-knowledge-network.europa.eu/technical-assistance-financing-facility-taff>.

<sup>4</sup> FIRELOGUE <https://firelogue.eu/>, FIRE-RES <https://fire-res.eu/>, SILVANUS <https://silvanus-project.eu/>, TREEADS <https://treeads-project.eu/>, and FirEURisk <https://fireurisk.eu/>.

<sup>5</sup> <https://ec.europa.eu/info/funding-tenders/opportunities/portal/screen/opportunities/topic-details/lc-gd-1-1-2020>.

<sup>6</sup> [https://civil-protection-humanitarian-aid.ec.europa.eu/what/civil-protection/resceu\\_en](https://civil-protection-humanitarian-aid.ec.europa.eu/what/civil-protection/resceu_en).

<sup>7</sup> <https://eur-lex.europa.eu/legal-content/EN/TXT/?uri=celex:52025DC0528>.

<sup>8</sup> During this period, Estonian and Dutch teams stationed in Galicia in this framework participated in the firefighting operations.