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Answer given by Mr Tzitzikostas
on behalf of the European Commission
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1. The Commission is aware of the landslide emergency in Petacciato, Italy, and its impact on the transport network, including the closure of sections of the A14 motorway and National Road 16, as well as the suspension of rail services. The Commission understands the severity of the situation and the potential disruption to transport links across a wide area, affecting several regions, including Marche, Abruzzo, Molise, and Apulia. The EU Solidarity Fund (EUSF)¹ can only be activated at the request of Italy which has a deadline of 12 weeks as from the first damage occurred. The Commission stands ready to support and guide the authorities should they wish to apply for EUSF support.

2. It is for the Italian authorities to pursue the necessary actions to ensure that the affected lines are reopened as soon as possible to prevent disruptions to the passenger and freight traffic on this vital transport axis. The Commission is ready to provide any relevant advisory assistance to the Italian authorities, if requested and deemed useful.

3. The European Union provides a vast array of funding and financial resources aimed at the development of the transport infrastructure and at rendering it more resilient, including the European Regional Development Fund, the Just Transition Fund, Connecting Europe Facility and, where applicable, measures already included in the Italian recovery and resilience plan under the Recovery and Resilience Facility. Those instruments have various eligibility and implementation rules. It is up to the relevant national and regional authorities to identify the most suitable funding source and apply for assistance.

¹ 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>.