

# RescEU: A new development for the UCPM

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## What is exactly RescEU?



- An enhancement of the Mechanism to better respond to emergencies inside the EU.
- Capacities funded by the EU and managed by the European Commission in close cooperation with Member States as a last resort for any emergency inside the EU.



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- October 2017, forest fires episode in NW Iberia.
- On October 15<sup>th</sup>, the Mechanism was activated by Portugal, but only Italy offered 2 CANADAIRS
  - 100 000 ha
  - 46 victims
  - 91 injured



#### Emergency Response Coordination Centre (ERCC) - DG ECHO Daily Map | 17/10/2017 Portugal, Spain - Forest Fires Overview SITUATION OVERVIEW PORTUGAL A CORUÑA X 36 people dead 25 people injured GALICIAN LUGO PONTEVEDRA Total number of forest fires on 17 Oct: 66; 2 out of control (Source: PROCIV, 17 Oct. at 10 UTC) SITUATION OVERVIEW SPAIN 3 people dead OURENSE Total number of forest fires on 16 Oct: 12 active (Source: Civil Protection Spain) Braganca Viana Do Castelo VILA REAL BRAGA BRAGANCA PORTO PORTUGAL Montijo A VISEU Viseu AVEIRO Aveiro Active fires on 14 Oct COIMBRA ENTRO Active fires on 15 Oct Active fires on 16 Oct CASTELO Worst affected provinces BRANCO Worst affected provinces International border LEIRIA Castelo Branco Artificial land cover COPERNICUS EMS - Rapid Copyright, European Union, 2017. Map created by FFCC Analytical Team. Sources: Copernicus, DG ECHO, GISCO, JRC-EFFIS, NOAA-GFS. "Boundaries and names shown on this map 50 for imply of miles incorrent or acceptance, by the European Union." "Burnt area maps in EFFIS are based on the processing of WOOIS settlet imagen; more into an imitations and the use of these date on JRC-EFFIS. Mapping Area of interest (EMSR250 @ 2017 EU)

# Noroeste de la península Ibérica 2017









When a disaster strikes, I want the European Union to offer more than condolences.





## The slogan:

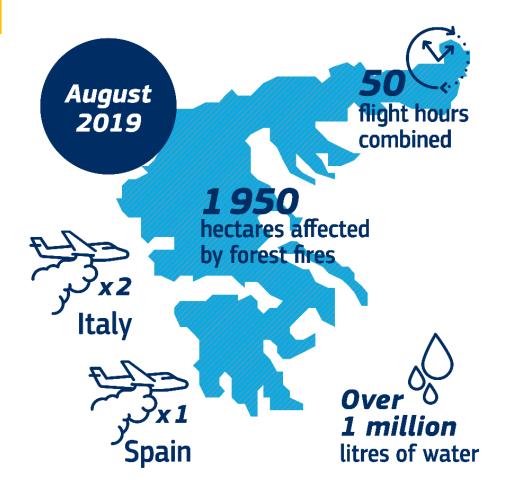
 RescEU offers a pool of assets as a last resort for assistance inside the EU





## Levels of emergency response





August 2019 Greece

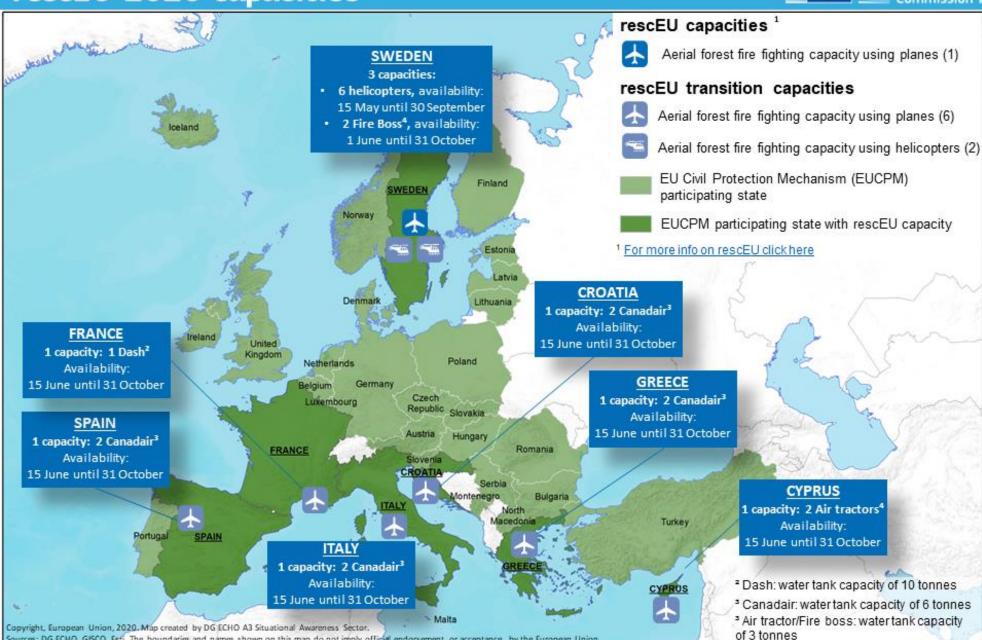
First rescEU activation

#### Emergency Response Coordination Centre (ERCC) | DG ECHO Daily Map | 19/06/2020.

rescEU 2020 capacities

Sources: DG ECHO, GISCO, Esti. The boundaries and names shown on this map do not imply official endorsement or acceptance by the European Union





#### RescEU forest firefighting fleet 2020





#### RescEU is not only response

- Prevention: Countries share their national prevention & preparedness strategies to identify and address possible gaps in disaster response
- Preparedness: Knowledge Network
- Preparedness/response: incentives for committing assets to the ECPP; simplified procedures and financing rates; rescEU capacities

## RescEU is not only response: Prevention

#### The 'Balancing Mechanism'

For MS prone to similar type of disasters, the Commission may

 Establish Specific Consultation Mechanisms, including for cross-border and Low Probability risks with High impact (Lo Hi) For MS frequently requesting assistance for the same type of disaster, the Commission may

 Request additional information on prevention/ preparedness measures

#### *If appropriate*

- Propose deployment of expert team
- Make recommendations

For MS requesting assistance 3 times within 3 consecutive years, the Commission shall

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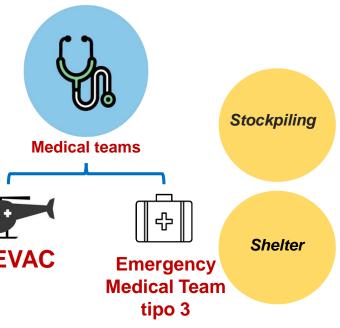
# RescEU co-financing

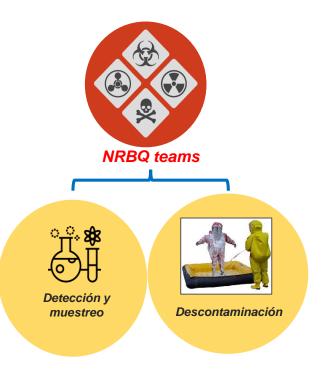
	Previous legislation		New legislation	
	Inside the Mechanism	Outside the Mechanim	Inside the Mechanism	Outside the Mechanim
Spontaneous offers	55% transport (85% for critical needs)	55% transport (85% for critical needs)	75% transport	75% transport
ECPP	85% del transporte	85% del transporte	75% transport + operations	75% del transport
rescEU capacities	-	-	75% del transport + operations	100% del transport + operations





## RescEU is not only forest fires





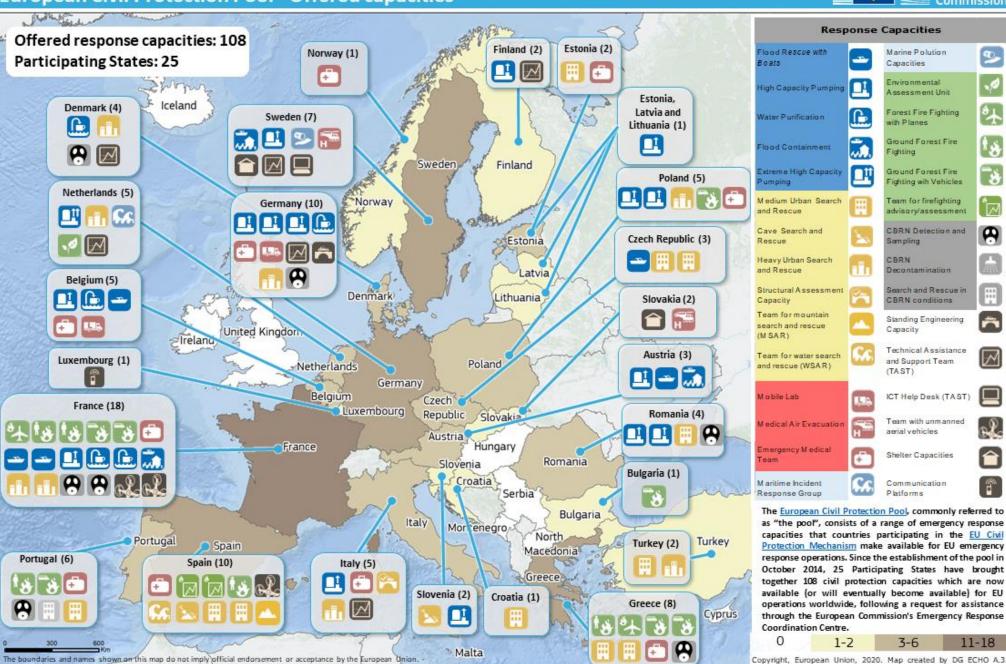


#### Emergency Response Coordination Centre (ERCC) | DG ECHO Daily Map - 04/09/2020 European Civil Protection Pool - Offered capacities

This designation is without prejudice to positions on status, and is in line with UNSCR 1244/1999 and the ICI Opinion on the Kosovo declaration of independence



Situational Awareness Team, Sources: DG ECHO, ESRI, OCHA,



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# And is it really changing something?

- The European Commission is a new actor in the response.
- rescEU capacities have European nationality
- New financing options → Collateral effects on the pool?
- Next Generation EU



# Gracias



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