The European Union Solidarity Fund (EUSF) was created after the severe floods in Central Europe in the summer of 2002. Since then, it intervened following 84 disasters covering a range of different catastrophic events including floods, forest fires, earthquakes, storms and drought. 24 different European countries have been supported so far with a total amount of over €5.2 billion.

The Commission proposes to mobilise €8.2 million to assist Romania following the floods that hit the North-East region in June 2018.

Romania has previously received EUSF funding on 7 occasions.

Examples of previous assistance to Romania:

- **04/2005**: Floods €18.8 million
- **06/2010**: Floods €25 million
- **07/2005**: Floods €52.4 million
- **08/2012**: Drought and fires €2.5 million

In 2005, almost half of Romania’s territory was hit by floods, which severely affected infrastructure in the country.

The EUSF aid was used for:

- Restoration to working order of infrastructure, particularly roads, railways and electricity
- Works for protection against flooding, such as breach sealing
- Protection of cultural heritage sites