



EUROPEAN SOLIDARITY FUND

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GREECE



The European Union Solidarity Fund (EUSF) was created after the severe floods in Central Europe in the summer of 2002. Since then, it has been used for 76 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 an amount of over €5 billion.

The Commission proposes to give Greece €1.3 million following the earthquake that hit the island of Lesbos in June 2017. The EU Solidarity Fund can help finance the restoration of infrastructure and cover the costs of clean-up operations, for example.

Greece has previously received EUSF funding on 5 occasions

Total aid granted



€114.3 million



Evros floods
€9.3 million



Lefkada earthquake
€1.6 million



Forest fires
€89.8 million



Kefalonia earthquakes
€3.7 million



Evros and Central Greece flooding
€9.9 million

From August to September 2007 the South of Greece was devastated by widespread fires.

The EUSF aid was used for:



► The restoration to working order of infrastructure in the fields of energy, water and waste water, telecommunications, transport, health and education (schools in the towns of Andania, Oitylos, Zaharo and Evia)



► Covering the costs of temporary accommodation, rescue services, securing of preventive infrastructure to contain the fire and clean-up operations