

**To the attention of:**

Ursula von Der Leyen, President of the European Commission  
Janez Lenarčič, Commissioner for Humanitarian Aid and Crisis Management  
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**Subject: Request to accelerate and simplify the process of accessing European funds for the Member States affected by natural disasters**

Dear President of the European Commission,  
Dear Commissioners,

The recent natural disasters in Eastern, Central and Southern Europe have caused severe damage to the populations in these areas. Hundreds of lives have been tragically lost, and entire communities have been left in ruins, with significant damage to infrastructure, homes, and businesses.

Extensive rebuilding efforts will be necessary across many cities, towns, and villages to restore damaged infrastructure and equipment, while also ensuring that the reconstruction process is more resilient to future challenges.

We need an urgent approach to ease the strain on local, regional, and national budgets and reduce the risk of worsening territorial inequalities caused by the disasters. Immediate action is required to address the social and economic impacts of these natural events.

Therefore, we respectfully urge the European Commission to accelerate and simplify the process for accessing European funds intended for reconstruction following natural disasters that occurred in the last months in countries like Romania, Spain, Czech Republic, Croatia, Italy, Poland, Cyprus or Slovakia. Recent events have highlighted the importance of a swift and efficient mechanism that allows these funds to be used promptly, at a critical time for European citizens.

In previous public statements, the European Commission expressed its commitment to simplifying these procedures in the interest of a more responsive approach to the crises faced by member states. Now, more than ever, we need to transform these promises into tangible action to enable swift recovery across the affected regions. Immediate action is needed to reduce excessive bureaucracy so that real beneficiaries can access European funds without unnecessary delays.

We hope our message will be heard and we assure you of our support for implementing reforms that will contribute to a more united and prepared European Union capable of responding to current challenges.

Yours sincerely,

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