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Subject: Low absorption of RRF funds for civil protection and the climate crisis

According to recent reports, the actual absorption rate of funds from the Recovery and Resilience Fund for civil protection and the climate crisis is a paltry 1 % of available funds, and that includes spending on firefighting aircraft.

The way funds are allocated domestically, only 20 % is spent on prevention projects. In addition, there is a lack of spending on the proper staffing of relevant services and an absence of reforms for decentralised local and regional prevention planning and planning to enable the deployment of new technologies, such as the use of satellite images, GIS and AI to determine which areas are potentially at risk of fire and flooding. All this paints a dystopian picture of the way in which the consequences of climate change are dealt with in Greece.

In light of the recent tragic fires in Attica, can the Commission answer the following:

What initiatives will the Commission take to help Member States avoid a lack of funding resulting from low absorption rates?

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