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**to the Commission**

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**Subject:** Funding for the Greek Network of Resilient Cities (ELDAP)

The resilience of Greek cities is key to tackling the effects of climate change but this resilience is facing major challenges. A survey carried out by the Greek Network of Resilient Cities (ELDAP) in 113 municipalities reveals a serious lack of equipment, technology and staff who can provide civil protection training. Of the municipalities that took part in the survey, 75 % have been affected by disasters and are not sufficiently prepared for future extreme events.

To remedy this situation, ELDAP has put together an action plan with a total budget of EUR 204 326 300, which focuses on four strands:

1. Operational equipment and support instruments (EUR 120 199 800);
2. Smart prevention and response systems (EUR 68 691 500);
3. Staff upskilling (EUR 7 835 000);
4. Scientific studies (EUR 7 600 000).

In view of the above, can the Commission answer the following:

1. Which sources of EU funding, such as the European Regional Development Fund (ERDF) and Horizon Europe, could support the implementation of ELDAP's action plan and boost the resilience of Greek cities?
2. How could ELDAP's actions be integrated into European initiatives that promote the creation of sustainable and resilient urban centres?
3. What initiatives could the Commission take to strengthen the role of local government in dealing with natural disasters and ensure the best possible protection for citizens?

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