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Subject: Providing EU resources and support to improve operating conditions for the Italian National Fire Brigade

Italy's National Fire Brigade plays a crucial role in preventing and managing emergencies despite the lack of resources and means at its disposal. Among other reported issues, the *Corpo Nazionale dei Vigili del Fuoco* does not have enough funding to retrofit its fire stations or to buy technologically-advanced equipment and tools, while its firefighters are not being remunerated fairly when compared to other state bodies. Resources from the European Regional Development Fund (ERDF) and other European programmes could be used to address these challenges.

In view of the above:

1. Which European financial instruments could be used to improve the infrastructure and equipment used by firefighters in Italy?
2. Will the Commission propose specific initiatives to ensure greater harmonisation of working conditions and pay among the Member States' public safety organisations?
3. Are there plans to encourage the use of advanced technologies among public protection and rescue services?

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