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to the Commission**

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Subject: Fire Interventions at European level

This summer very high temperatures have been recorded in several EU regions, which have led to fires.

These outbreaks of fires have caused serious material damage and destroyed large tracts of forest and green areas. Some of the countries affected have called on neighbouring states to provide logistical support in order to extinguish the fires more quickly.

What plans does the Commission have to collaborate with Member States and competent authorities in setting up joint teams to tackle large-scale fires, also at cross-border level, and for acquiring the necessary fire-fighting equipment, in particular special aircraft to deal with this kind of situation, which can be used by various regions and Member States where necessary?