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on behalf of the European Commission
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1. In the 2014-2020 period, EUR 364.8 million from the European Regional Development Fund and the Cohesion Fund are allocated to Greece for actions related to adaptation to climate change and prevention and management of risks¹ such as soil erosion, wildfires, floodings and disaster resilience. Out of this, EUR 98.1 million is under the programme "Transport Infrastructure, Environment and Sustainable Development". As this amount is not allocated to individual regions, no comprehensive regionalised figures on approved projects and absorption are available. The overall amount of approved projects currently is EUR 224.2 million.

Through the Rural Development Programme (RDP) supported by the European Agricultural Fund for Rural Development, Greece may provide support for the prevention of damage to forests from forest fires, natural disasters and catastrophic events and for preventive actions as to natural disasters, adverse climatic events and catastrophic events on agricultural land.

In 2014-2020 period, EUR 919 million has been allocated for actions related to Thematic Objective 5. The current RDP foresees a total public expenditure of EUR 100 million (EUR 78 million EU contribution). The RDP is established at national level thus no regionalised figures on allocated and absorbed funds are available.

2. Greece has submitted a national risk assessment and a risk management capability assessment to the Commission². These are submitted every 3 years from December 2015 and every 3 years from August 2018 respectively. National risk assessments submitted in 2015 helped inform the EU of the overview of risks published in 2017³. Having such assessment is a pre-condition for investing cohesion funds in disaster prevention and management.

¹ Thematic Objective 5

² As required by Article 6 of Decision 1313/2013/EU - OJ L 347, 20.12.2013, p. 924

³ SWD(2017)176