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Mr Pascal Canfin
Chair
Committee on the Environment, Public Health and Food Safety
BRUSSELS


Dear Mr Canfin,

In relation to the proposal referred to above, the Committee on Regional Development has been asked to submit an opinion to your committee. The committee has decided to send this opinion in the form of a letter. The opinion was adopted at the committee meeting of 21 January 2020, with 35 votes in favour, 0 votes against and 0 abstentions.

The Commission proposal is of a technical nature and is limited to the budgetary provisions in Article 19 of Decision No 1313/2013/EU, which need to be updated and replaced with the new figures provided by the 2021-2027 Multiannual Financial Framework.

All the budgetary implications are in line with the amendments proposed by the REGI committee in its opinion of 26 April 2018. In particular, our committee supports the aim of reinforcing the capacity of Member States and the EU to respond to disasters by creating a dedicated reserve of response capacities (rescEU), by setting up a civil protection knowledge centre.

1 The following Members took part in the vote: François Alfonsi, Mathilde Androuët, Pascal Arimont, Adrian-Dragoș Benea, Isabel Benjumea Benjumea, Stéphane Bijoux, Franc Bogović, Daniel Buda, Andrea Cozzolino, Corina Crețu, Josianne Cutajar, Rosa D’Amato, Tamás Deutsch, Francesca Donato, Jill Evans, Raffaele Fitto, Cristian Ghinea, Mircea-Gheorghe Hava, Krzysztof Hetman, John Howarth, Manolis Kefalogiannis, Constanze Krehl, Elżbieta Kruk, Cristina Maestre Martín De Almagro, Pedro Marques, Andżelika Anna Możdżanowska, Andrey Novakov, Younous Omarjee, Alessandro Panza, Tsvetelina Penkova, Caroline Roose, Bronis Ropė, André Rougé, Tomislav Sokol, Susana Solís Pérez.
network and by strengthening cooperation with neighbourhood countries.

Considering the importance of the Union Civil Protection Mechanism for disaster risk management and the need to strengthen the mechanism for the 2021-2027 programming period, the Committee on Regional Development therefore has no objection to the Commission proposal, which provides the necessary budgetary resources to support the mechanism.

Yours sincerely,

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